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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/23/011735/O

I write in connection with your request for information dated 28/11/2023, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

- 1 *A statistical breakdown of crimes taken place in the Metropolitan Borough of Oldham for every year between and including 2010 and 2023.*
- 2 *A statistical breakdown of burglaries taken place in the Metropolitan Borough of Oldham for every year between and including 2010 and 2023.*
- 3 *A statistical breakdown of car thefts taken place in the Metropolitan Borough of Oldham for every year between and including 2010 and 2023.*
- 4 *A statistical breakdown of dangerous driving offences taken place in the Metropolitan Borough of Oldham for every year between and including 2010 and 2023.*
- 5 *A statistical breakdown of drug offences taken place in the Metropolitan Borough of Oldham for every year between and including 2010 and 2023.*
- 6 *A statistical breakdown of crimes taken place in the Metropolitan Borough of Oldham for every year between and including 2010 and 2023.*
- 7 *A statistical breakdown of shop thefts taken place in the Metropolitan Borough of Oldham for every year between and including 2010 and 2023.*

8 *A statistical breakdown of assaults against shopworkers taken place in the Metropolitan Borough of Oldham for every year between and including 2010 and 2023.*

9 *A statistical breakdown of sexual assaults taken place in the Metropolitan Borough of Oldham for every year between and including 2010 and 2023.*

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police (GMP) to locate the requested information and I can confirm the information requested is held by GMP.

However, Greater Manchester Police (GMP) does not hold the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format. To provide the data requested in questions 3 and 8 of your request would involve a manual search of all assault crimes recorded in Oldham for the last thirteen years to establish which were perpetrated against shop workers, and all Theft of Motor Vehicle crimes to establish which were thefts of cars rather than other motor vehicles.

A search of our records shows that for just between August 2019 and September 2023 there were over 33,000 Assault and Theft of Motor Vehicle crimes that would need to be manually reviewed. At a very conservative estimate of 5 minutes to locate, retrieve and review each file it would take approximately 2,750 hours to ascertain the data required, and that would only be for a four-year period, not the 13 years as requested.

To comply with the whole of your request the process would therefore take over 18 hours work and exceeds the appropriate limit of £450.00, the amount to which we are legally required to respond.

Therefore, as per section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the cost of providing you with the information is above the amount to which we are legally required to respond i.e. the cost of locating and retrieving the information exceeds the 'appropriate level' as stated in the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, this letter acts as a Refusal Notice.

GMP is obligated, pursuant to section 16(1) of the Act to provide you with advice and assistance on refining your request to bring compliance within the fees limit. In order for the force to keep this within the fees limit, the information that you are requesting will need to be reduced to a greatly reduced time period. The resulting response cannot be guaranteed at this point as it will be dependent upon the number of records that fall within the scope of any new request, as they would still have to be manually assessed.

Should you wish to refine and resubmit your request in line with the advice above please respond to freedomofinformation@gmp.police.uk