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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/23/011779/A

I write in connection with your request for information dated 08/12/2023, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

1. *Please provide the number of police officers and staff that were employed on November 29, 2023, in your police force.*
2. *Please provide data on how many police officers and staff in your police force were working on November 29, 2023, with an expired RV clearance.*
NOTE: By expired RV clearance we mean officers and staff working over the 10-year renewal period as defined in 8.49 - Renewing clearance in the College of Policing Vetting APP.
3. *Please provide data on how many police officers and staff in your police force were working with an expired MV clearance on November 29, 2023.*
NOTE: By expired MV clearance we mean officers and staff working over the 7-year renewal period as defined in 8.49 - Renewing clearance in the College of Policing Vetting APP.
4. *Please provide data on the number of police officers and staff accused of Violence Against Women and Girls-related misconduct or gross misconduct from November 2022-November 2023 in your police force.*
NOTE: By misconduct and gross misconduct, we mean as defined under Regulation 2(1) The Police (Conduct) Regulations 2020, misconduct means a breach of Standards of Professional Behaviour that is so serious as to justify disciplinary action and gross

misconduct means a breach of Standards of Professional Behaviour that is so serious as to justify dismissal.

NOTE: By VAWG-related misconduct or gross misconduct we mean as measured in the NPCC Violence Against Women and Girls Benchmark as some form of inappropriate sexual conduct (rape, sexual assault, abuse of position for sexual purpose and other sexual conduct) and discreditable conduct, which is a defined standards of professional behaviour which would include inappropriate sexual behaviours or domestic abuse.

5. *Please provide data on how many of the police officers and staff accused of VAWG-related misconduct or gross misconduct, as specified in response to question 4, were also working on expired vetting at the time they were accused in the year November 2022-November 2023.*

NOTE: By misconduct and gross misconduct, we mean as defined under Regulation 2(1) The Police (Conduct) Regulations 2020, misconduct means a breach of Standards of Professional Behaviour that is so serious as to justify disciplinary action and gross misconduct means a breach of Standards of Professional Behaviour that is so serious as to justify dismissal.

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6. *Please provide data on how many police officers and police staff accused of Violence Against Women and Girls-related misconduct or gross misconduct were referred for re-vetting when accused in the year November 2022-November 2023.*

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7. *Please share details of your force's policy on renewal periods between initial RV vetting and re-vetting.*
8. *Please provide data on the average time between initial RV vetting and re-vetting of all police officers and staff currently serving in your police force.*

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 that the information requested is held by GMP.

However, Greater Manchester Police does not hold the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format. To provide the data requested in questions 2 and 3 would involve a manual search of all vetting records in order to determine how many, if any, were working on the day in question with expired vetting.

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

As per section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the cost of providing you with the information is therefore 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, you will need to resubmit your request without questions two and three, as there is no feasible way these questions can be answered within the cost limit. 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