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Our ref: 01/FOI/24/012821/K

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/012821/K**

I write in connection with your request for information dated 20/06/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

*Please can you tell me:*

1. *How many unidentified bodies or sets of human remains you currently have under your jurisdiction, broken down by decade found, gender, and ethnicity.*
2. *How many of these unidentified persons cases are represented on the National Crime Agency's database (found here).*
3. *How many of these unidentified persons have facial reconstructions or facial photos associated with them.*
4. *How many of these unidentified persons have DNA associated with them, broken down according to testing status.*
5. *How many of these unidentified persons are assigned to an investigator.*
6. *How many of the investigations into identifying these bodies or sets of remains would be considered "cold" i.e., all viable leads in the investigation have been exhausted and the Senior Investigating Officer (SIO) considers there is nothing further that can be progressed in the investigation at that time.*

7. *Whether you currently engaging with any charities, universities, or other organisations (e.g., Locate International, Missing People) to further investigation of unidentified persons cases.*
8. *Your currently status with regards to the use of forensic/investigative genetic genealogy (FIGG) to investigate unidentified persons cases.*

### **Result of Searches**

Information relating to questions 2-7 of your request is not held in an easily retrievable format, if it is indeed held at all. There is no centrally held record of the requested information and in order to provide such data would require necessary searches to be made on each sudden and unexplained death report to establish if they contain information that is relevant to your request

To comply with the whole of your request the process would take over 18 hours' work and therefore exceeds the appropriate limit of £450.00, 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. The only advice that GMP can give is that you specify a short time frame to make you request more manageable within the fees limit of the act, although this still may not be possible.

Please note that, relating to question 1 of your request, when unidentified human remains are discovered, the remains are transferred by police to HM Coroner. Jurisdiction for the remains then becomes that of HM Coroner. Consequently, GMP hold no information in relation to question 1 of your request.