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**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/012841/O**

I write in connection with your request for information dated 23/06/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

*At present, I am conducting a scoping literature review to answer the question: 'What approaches have been employed by the police to improve missing persons investigations, while considering the views and attitudes of police personnel on these approaches?'*

*I would like to request whether your force maintains any evaluation/monitoring reports for the time period between 2005-2024, focusing on:*

- a.) risk assessment (for the classification of risk) of missing persons*
- b.) safe & well check (police prevention interview) of missing persons c.) specific tools to locate missing persons (e.g., GPS systems, Unmanned Aerial Vehicles, social media platforms such as Twitter)*
- d.) operational models such as dedicated missing persons teams, CID, CSE teams.*
- e.) any other evaluation/monitoring report relevant to the practices employed by the GMP to deal with missing persons enquiries.*

*If yes, may we have a copy?*

*Please, let us know even in case that this information would not be held by your force.*

## **Result of Searches**

Greater Manchester Police (GMP) does not hold the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format. To provide the data requested would involve a manual search of records covering the 18 year period requested to see if the information is held.

Therefore, 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, 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](mailto:freedomofinformation@gmp.police.uk)