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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/012769/X

I write in connection with your request for information dated 10/06/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I write under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act, to request information on incident logs and crime reports where the complainant reported sexual assault, rape or other RASSO offences and was, at a later date, arrested, interviewed as a suspect voluntarily or charged.

I am looking for all data in the last 5 years, between June 2019 - June 2024.

I would like the information to be broken down into the following:

- 1) The number of arrests for wasting police time of individuals who were original complainants of a RASSO offence.***
- 2) The number of voluntary suspect interviews for wasting police time of individuals who were original complainants of a RASSO offence.***
- 3) The number of charges for wasting police time of individuals who were original complainants of a RASSO offence.***
- 4) The number of arrests for PCJ of individuals who were original complainants of a RASSO offence.***
- 5) The number of voluntary suspect interviews for PCJ of individuals who were original complainants of a RASSO offence.***
- 6) The number of charges for PCJ of individuals who were original complainants of a RASSO offence.***

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, GMP does not hold the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format.

GMP is unable to provide a response without completing a full manual review of either all the RASSO offences or all the arrests for wasting police time or perverting the course of justice from 2019-2024. Either option would yield potentially thousands of results, and so to give an example, an initial search was conducted using the latter option and this has revealed over 1000 offences that would need to be checked to see if they relate to this request. With a conservative estimate of around 5 minutes for each log, it is anticipated it will exceed the 18hrs to provide the information.

Please Note, searching all the RASSO offences would provide significantly more results that would require a manual review.

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 you are requesting will need revising to a much shorter time frame and a reduction in the volume of information required. With any request that requires a manual review there is always a chance of a request being refused under S12 due to the enormity of work that is usually needed to provide the data, therefore 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.