

Date: 27th June 2024
Our ref: FOI/24/012851/Q

I write in connection with your request for information dated 27/06/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

The ethnicity of those that are on a similar variant if the Greater Manchester police has one, to the, now defunct, Metropolitan Police Gang Matrix.

If you don't have one of these, is it possible to get those prosecuted for gang related offences for the years of 2020, 2021 and 2022.

Result of Searches

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

However, GMP does not hold the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format. To identify the ethnicity of every nominal who is part of an OCG (Gang) would require a manual review of all records. An initial search of GMPs records shows approximately 1,000 nominals. At a very conservative estimate of 5 minutes per record would take this request to in excess of 83 hours to ascertain the data required.

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. For example reduced to a specific jurisdiction. 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

Although excess costs remove GMP's obligations under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, as a gesture of goodwill I have supplied some information relative to your request that was retrieved before it was realised that the fees limit would be exceeded (see below information). I hope that this is of use to you, but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fees regulations for the remainder of your request.

GMP does not hold prosecution data. For prosecution data you would need to redirect your request to the relevant Courts.