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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/012913/N

I write in connection with your request for information dated 09/07/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

How many OCG's in Greater Manchester have connections to foreign nationals?

Could you please provide either the total number that have connections or percentage out of the total OCG's overall.

Clarification - By connections, I mean OCG's which, you know or suspect to, contain foreign nationals within them

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 would need to complete a manual review across all the suspected/known members of OCGs within Greater Manchester. There are over 200 known OCGs across GM. It would require a manual review of everyone within them to accurately provide a response for this request. Within any OCG there can be anything from 2-10+ members and so to review each member would take this request over the 18hrs permitted to provide a response. At a very conservative estimate of there being only 2 members per each gang, then this request would take in the region of 33hrs.

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.

In this instance, due to the scale of review, Greater Manchester Police will be unable able to provide advice for you to reduce the request in order for the force to keep this within the fees limit in accordance with Section 16(1), the duty to provide advice and assistance, of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

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