

Date: 4th June 2024
Our ref: FOI/24/012618/J

I write in connection with your request for information dated 14/05/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I am writing to make a freedom of information request to find out how many notifications were made to the police between the period Nov 2023 and present on transport and use of mobile and tower cranes in the M30 postcode of Salford.

Please provide the date these notifications were made and by whom. Under FOI it will be sufficient to state whether it was private or public body.

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. GMP received approximately 90,000 movement notifications and there is no facility within the system to narrow down the search to just 'mobile and tower cranes.' The system also cannot reduce the search to just 'M30' postcode therefore, we would need to manually check every potentially relevant notification to look for the postcode and vehicle description to collate a response to this request. As such this request would exceed the 18 hour limit.

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 a 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