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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/012707/J

I write in connection with your request for information dated 30/05/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

1. In respect of the list or database or other system referred to above, please provide the following information:

a) Any and all GMP policy and guidance documents regarding the operation of such a list, database or other system, including the criteria for being added and removed.

b) If not contained in any relevant policy or guidance document, details of the potential consequences for an individual of being flagged on, or added to, a list, database or other system (for example, personal data being shared with third parties, increased surveillance, being banned from attending certain public events, etc.).

c) The number of people on any such list, database or other system currently, and for the year January 2023 to January 2024; and

d) The information at (c) broken down by race and age.

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 that some of the information requested is held by GMP.

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

GMP cannot provide a response to parts C and D of this request without conducting a manual review between the time frames stated in this request. The review will be required to check if we hold the race and age of any suspects that fall into this request. If a nominal is identified within an OCG, a flag would be placed against them on our systems showing this. Each suspect from January 2023 to January 2024 will need to be checked to see if they have this flag against their profile. Due to the scale of this review, it is expected that it will exceed 18hrs to provide the information requested.

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 shorter time frame and a reduction in the required breakdown format you have requested. However, 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 fee's regulations for the remainder of your request.

- A. This is national and is governed by Home Office, you would need to refer to National MoRILE assessment and OCGM. These are available from the college of policing.