

Date: 7th June 2024
Our ref: FOI/24/012714/I

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

I'm writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act to request the following data please:

- 1. The number of police officers who were assaulted on duty in 2021, 2022, 2023 and the first five months of 2024.***
- 2. The number of police officers who suffered serious injuries after being assaulted on duty in 2021, 2022, 2023 and the first five months of 2024.***
- 3. The number of police officers who suffered minor injuries after being assaulted on duty in 2021, 2022, 2023 and the first five months of 2024.***
- 4. The number of police officers who required sick leave after being assaulted on duty in 2021, 2022, 2023 and the first five months of 2024.***

I am happy for the response to be emailed to this address. If there are any queries or if anything needs clarifying or refining please don't hesitate to contact to me.

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 question 4 in an easily retrievable format. To provide a response to question 4 each sickness record for each injury sustained would need to be manually reviewed to determine if the officer required sick leave. A search of GMPs records shows a total of 2,849 records which would need to be manually reviewed. At a very

conservative estimate of 5 minutes per record would take this request to in excess of 237 hours to provide a response to question 4 alone.

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.

However, in accordance with Section 16(1) – the duty to provide advice and assistance – of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, Greater Manchester Police will be unable able to provide advice for you to reduce question 4 of your request in order for the force to keep this within the fees limit.

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 exceed (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.

Please note the following:

- GMP would define a serious injury as anything reportable under RIDDOR.
- GMP only hold the information in financial years.

	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Question 1	997	853	999
Question 2	13	23	27
Question 3	984	830	972