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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/012723/J

I write in connection with your request for information dated 31/05/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I would like to know the statistics of how many people fell into the Canal street canal this year compared to last year.

Result of Searches

GMP cannot confirm if it holds all the information that you have requested without conducting a thorough search on your behalf

GMP would be required to undertake a substantial review to see if we hold the information relating to your request. As there is no field search for this request, a review would need to be carried out using keyword searches. However, to search with words like canal, fell etc would bring back every incident that contained those words and as such each one will need to be interrogated to see if it relates directly to the information you require. Due to the level of work required, to confirm whether the information is held would take over 18 hours.

Therefore, as per section 12(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the cost of searching for the information is above the amount to which we are legally required to respond i.e. the cost of locating 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 provide the HO code that you wish for GMP to search under. If you wish for a keyword search to be conducted then you can also provide the list of words you would like us to use, however please be aware of the number of results

that it may provide with your chosen keywords. 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.

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