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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/24/012816/N

I write in connection with your request for information dated 18/06/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act I would like to request the following information:

The number of police officer hours spent investigating complaints made to Greater Manchester Police about the tax arrangements of Angela Rayner MP and passing relevant information to Stockport Council and HMRC.

The number of GMP staff hours spent investigating complaints made to Greater Manchester Police about the tax arrangements of Angela Rayner MP and passing relevant information to Stockport Council and HMRC.

If possible, please provide an estimate of the cost to the force of investigating these allegations and passing the results to Stockport Council and HMRC. However if this is not possible, please do provide time estimates as requested above.

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 or centrally on a reporting system.

To determine the number of police officers which have contributed to the Angela Rayner investigation would require us to manually contact all officers. If they have contributed, we would then need the officer to confirm how much time they have spent on the investigation. As working on investigations is

part of their duties as GMP officers this information cannot be guaranteed and therefore will not be accurate.

To determine the cost of the Angela Rayner investigation would firstly require us to have the accurate amount of officers and time spent. We would then need to manually review all individual officers' personal records for pay details to manually calculate the total cost.

As such due to the extent of the searches required it is anticipated to exceed the 18 hour cost 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.

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 the 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