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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/012061/U

I write in connection with your request for information dated 01/02/2023, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I am seeking access to any and all documentation that your force holds concerning policies, guidelines, and training materials related to private prosecutions.

Specifically, I am interested in:

- 1. Any written policies or guidance documents that outline your force's approach to handling private prosecutions.*
- 2. Training materials provided to your staff regarding the oversight, management, or involvement in private prosecutions.*
- 3. Records of any consultations or communications with other bodies or agencies regarding private prosecutions.*
- 4. Any statistical data or reports you may have that relate to private prosecutions conducted or supported by your force over the past four years.*

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police (GMP) to locate information relevant to your request.

1. GMP do not have a policy in relation to private prosecutions.
2. GMP do not provide any training or training materials relating to private prosecutions.
3. Information relating to this part of your request is not held in an easily retrievable format, if it is indeed held at all. There is no centrally held record of such communications and in order to provide such data would require each division, sub-division and possibly each individual officer to undertake necessary searches to establish if any communications exist.

To comply with the whole of your request the process would take over 18 hours' work and therefore exceeds the appropriate limit of £450.00, 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. The only advice that GMP can give is that you specify a particular divisional area within GMP to make your request more manageable within the fees limit of the act, although this still may not be possible for even one divisional area.

4. This information is not held by GMP.