

Date: 25/10/2024

Our ref: 01/FOI/24/013456/N

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/013456/N

I write in connection with your request for information dated 15/10/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I am writing to you to make a FOI request about whether you make referrals to the Home Office for immigration enforcement. Could you please tell me:

- 1. If your force referred victims and witnesses of crime to the Home Office for immigration enforcement between 1 January 2019 and 1 January 2024?***
- 2. How many victims and witnesses were referred to the Home Office for immigration enforcement between 1 January 2019 and 1 January 2024?***
- 3. What was the nationality of the people referred to the Home Office in these instances?***

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 and no central manner of recording referrals to the Home Office a review would need to be carried out by completing a manual trawl of each foreign national record we hold to ascertain if any crime report or interaction and/or referral was made. There is no other way to complete this request and so given the large scale of review required this will not be able to be completed within the 18hrs provided.

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.

In this instance, 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 in accordance with Section 16(1), the duty to provide advice and assistance, of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

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