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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/013483/Q

I write in connection with your request for information dated 17/10/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Thank you for your previous response.

Could you provide the following with timeframe from January 1, 2022 until the day this request is fulfilled.

- 1. A list of the number of child trafficking or abduction crimes with an ambulance vehicle used as a means to commit such crime (s).*
- 2. A list of the number of crimes where such ambulance use described above has been traced to a paramedic working in an NHS Ambulance Service. The paramedic can be involved in part or wholly in the commission of this crime.*

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 an easily retrievable format. To provide the data requested would involve a manual search of all kidnapping, abduction, modern slavery and human trafficking crime records in order to establish if an ambulance was involved.

A search of our records shows that there are 542 records that would need to be manually reviewed. At a very conservative estimate of 10 minutes to locate, retrieve and review each file it would take approximately 90 hours to ascertain the data required.

Therefore, to comply with the whole of your request the process would take over 18 hours' work which exceeds the appropriate limit of £450.00, the amount to which we are legally required to respond.

As per section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the cost of providing you with the information is therefore 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.

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 that you are requesting will need to be reduced to a greatly reduced time period. 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