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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/013515/H

I write in connection with your request for information dated 23/10/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Please could I request the following information of crime data for the past 5 years:

- 1. What percentage of crime in Greater Manchester has been committed by Asylum Seekers/Migrants/Refugees. Can this be also broken down into the 10 Boroughs.*
- 2. Does GMP hold any crime data on those who have been given right to remain? If so can this be included for the last 5 years*
- 3. Does GMP hold any crime data on crimes committed by foreign criminals? If so, can this also be included for the past 5 years.*
- 4. Could I also request the data of all sexual assaults by ethnicity that has occurred over the past 5 years.*
- 5. Does GMP hold the sexual assault crime data committed by Asylum Seekers/Migrants/Refugees? Please include sexual assaults by foreign criminals and those who have received right to remain..*

All requests should be GMP wide and then broken down into the 10 local authorities over the last 5 years.

Result of Searches

Greater Manchester Police (GMP) does not hold the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format. To provide the data requested in questions 1 and 2 would involve a manual search of all recorded crimes in order to establish whether the crime was committed by an asylum seeker, a refugee a migrant or someone with leave to remain. This is not a searchable field on our crime recording system, therefore each crime record would have to be reviewed manually in order to establish whether this information is recorded.

Consequently, to comply with the whole of your request the process would take well 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