

**Date:** 12<sup>th</sup> November 2024  
**Our ref:** FOI/24/013525/J

I write in connection with your request for information dated 24/10/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

***Freedom of Information Request: Malfeasance settlement payments***

***Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I request the following information:***

***The amount of money spent by GMP on settlement payments for malfeasance for the following periods:***

***2020/21  
2021/22  
2022/23  
2023/24  
2024/25***

***Please provide a breakdown for the type of settlement claim (e.g. officers alleged to have acted with excessive force, racial profiling etc).***

***This information should be made available to me in spreadsheet form (Microsoft Excel) if possible.***

**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 information requested would require a manual review of all claims as the information is not held centrally. A search of GMP's records shows over 2,400 claims which would require a manual review. At a very conservative estimate of 10 minutes per claim would take this request to in excess of 400 hours to ascertain the data required.

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.

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 much shorter 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](mailto:freedomofinformation@gmp.police.uk)