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**Our ref:** 01/FOI/24/013559/T

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/013559/T**

I write in connection with your request for information dated 30/10/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

***Please could I request the following information Under the Freedom of Information Act:  
For each of the last four calendar years (2019, 2022, 2023, and 2024) could you please provide me with:***

- 1. the number of individual arrests under sections 136 and 137 of the Mental Health Act;***
- 2. the number of individual arrests of children, being under 18-years-old, under sections 136 and 137 of the Mental Health Act;***
- 3. the number of individual instances when a police officer was physically harmed by someone whilst making an arrest or looking after someone under sections 136 and 137 of the Mental Health Act;***
- 4. the number of individual instances of someone self-harming whilst in your custody;  
and***
- 5. the number of individual instances of someone ending their life whilst in your custody.***

**Result of Searches**

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police (GMP) to locate the requested information and I can confirm the information requested is held by GMP.

However, GMP does not hold some of the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format.

For GMP to be able to respond to questions 3 and 4 of this request, it would require a manual review being carried out. This is because the information is not readily available in any other form to locate and retrieve. Given the number of arrests per year, this request will not be able to be completed without exceeding the 18hrs permitted.

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 you are requesting will need revising with the removal of questions 3 and 4.

With any request that requires a manual review there is always a chance of a request being refused under S12 due to the enormity of work that is usually needed to provide the data, therefore 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)