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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/013562/O

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

I am seeking up-to-date information about the proportion of police detentions/interviews of suspects and voluntary interviews in which an appropriate adult was provided and for whom legal advice was requested and obtained as recorded by officers for both adults and juveniles. Previously you were only unable to provide the data requested for the years ending 9th March 2021, 2022 and 2023 .

However, I am now writing to ask if the situation has changed and whether you are able provide the following data for your force area for the year ending 9th March 2024. I also wondered whether you are now able to provide the full information requested for the years ending 9th March 2021, 2022, and 2023. I understand, however, that providing a full response may still not be viable.

In relation to adults, please could you indicate the total number of

- (1) authorised detentions***
- (2) interviews under arrest and***
- (3) voluntary Interviews.***

Then for each these whether

- (a) a pre-interview Risk Assessment was conducted,***
- (b) an appropriate adult was required***
- (c) an appropriate adult was provided***
- (d) legal advice was requested***

(e) legal advice was provided.

In relation to juveniles, please could you indicate the total number of

- (1) authorised detentions***
- (2) interviews under arrest and***
- (3) voluntary Interviews.***

Then for each these whether

- (a) a pre-interview Risk Assessment was conducted,***
- (b) an appropriate adult was required***
- (c) an appropriate adult was provided***
- (d) legal advice was requested***
- (e) legal advice was provided.***

If this data is not held (or cannot be compiled within the cost limits) for the requested period, please provide any relevant data for the most recent possible period.

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 the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format.

For GMP to provide the total number of Solicitors and appropriate adults in attendance would require a manual review of all the custody detention logs as this is not recorded in any other form on our systems. In 2023 there was over 50,000 arrests and each will need checking for the information required. For the years requested above the manual review will consist of between 30-60,000 reviews per year and so this request will not be able to be completed with the time limits 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.

In this instance, due to the size of any manual review required, 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.

Should you wish to refine and resubmit your request in line with the advice above please respond to freedomofinformation@gmp.police.uk.