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Our ref: 01/FOI/24/013603/G

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/013603/G

I write in connection with your request for information dated 07/11/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Regarding Superintendent [REDACTED]

I want to make a further FOI and SAR into every PSD consideration that Superintendent [REDACTED] has ever made and/or not made in GMP, any other force [REDACTED] has ever worked in. I want an anonymous breakdown of each PSD referral which [REDACTED] made and did not make by every protected characteristic under the UK Equality Act (2010)? If this is not possible or practicable I am willing to accept a reasonable time (18-36 months) or whenever it was in [REDACTED] police career [REDACTED] took on this responsibility.

For clarity, I want the total number of referrals sent to [REDACTED] for consideration and I want the anonymous protected characteristics of each case/employee (or SC/PC/DC/CI etc.) and whether or not a referral was made or not made.

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.

GMP are unable to provide the information for this request without carrying out a manual review of all the PSD referrals within your requested timeframe. This review would be needed to identify who the reporting person was on each referral to enable us to provide how many are from the named Superintendent above. Since 2020 there have been 8800 conduct/miscellaneous referrals and to review each one would take around 733hrs at a conservative estimate of 5 minutes per review. A secondary review was carried out for the last 18 months, and this revealed over 3000 results and to review each one of these would take approximately 250hrs.

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, 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.