

Date: 21st November 2024
Our ref: FOI/24/013633/M

I write in connection with your request for information dated 13/11/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request the following information regarding non-consensual intimate images (NCIIs).

- ***In the past two years, has your police force returned a device to somebody convicted of revenge porn (as per section 33(1) of the Criminal Justice and Courts Act 2015), which still had the relevant non-consensual intimate images on the device?***
- ***If so, how many times has your police force done this?***
- ***If so, what are the specific case details that your police force can share about these cases?***
- ***In the past two years under the jurisdiction of your police force, have there been any cases of people who have been convicted of revenge porn charges then re-offending with the same NCIIs or against the same victims?***

We are happy to receive any information relevant to our request in any format.

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. The information requested is not held centrally on one GMP system it would require us to manually review all electronic device seizure records and cross reference each record over numerous police systems to determine if the offender was convicted and then if the device was returned. For the period specified GMP as a force seized over 54,000 items categorised as computer equipment and mobile phones. As such, it is expected to far exceed the 18 hour cost limit to provide a response to this request.

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.

However, in accordance with Section 16(1) – the duty to provide advice and assistance – of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, 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.

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