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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/013359/N

I write in connection with your request for information dated 01/10/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I would like to know how much money has been made by the department from police auctions in the last 5 years broken down by year from 01 January 2019 to 01 October 2024.

If you could also give me a figure for how much of the total money made during that time is from the auctioning of bicycles that would be much appreciated.

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.

To respond to this request, it requires examining each banking sheet within the accounts received to determine whether the receipt is from an auction of property, or another type of income related to the Police Property Act. Not all sales received from auctioneers have been retained by GMP, and so a manual review will determine "how much money has been made by the department from police auctions". A more substantial review will need to be carried out secondary to this to see if we can provide the data relating to "bicycles". An initial search has brought back over 250 records that each will need to be checked. At a conservative estimate of 5 minutes per record, this request would take in the region of over 20hrs to provide a response.

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 to a shorter time frame. However, 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.