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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/013379/R

I write in connection with your request for information dated 03/10/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Please can I see how many crimes have been reported to have taken place on public transport across Greater Manchester in the last three years?

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 do not have a specific field or filter that identifies whether a crime occurred on public transport. To identify which crimes match this request, a manual review will need to be carried out across all crimes over the last 3 years. This would be a substantial review consisting of over 1m records and so I can confidently say that this request will not be able to be completed in under 18hrs.

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 attempt to keep within the fees limit, the information you are requesting will need revising to a much shorter timeframe and to provide a list of keywords to use in any searches such as Bus, Taxi. Please note a keyword

search may not provide accurate responses and as such a manual review may still need to be carried out.

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.