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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/013331/B

I write in connection with your request for information dated 25/09/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

How many arrests were made for trick or treaters each year for the past ten years

Result of Searches

GMP cannot confirm if it holds all the information that you have requested without conducting a thorough search on your behalf

GMP would be required to undertake a substantial review over the last 10 years to see if we hold the information relating to your request. As there is no field search for this request, a review will need to be completed for all the arrests that took place around the time “trick or treaters” are likely to be out. A snapshot has been taken all of all the arrests that took place between October 1st – November 1st 2023, and this revealed that around more than 4000 arrests took place in this one month. To review each one to see if an arrest related to this request would far exceed the 18hrs permitted to provide any information held.

Therefore, as per section 12(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the cost of searching for the information is above the amount to which we are legally required to respond i.e. the cost of locating 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.

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