

Date: 17th October 2024
Our ref: FOI/24/013377/P

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

- 1. During 2023 and so far in 2024, how many total incidents of social media memes or social media abuse were reported to your force? Please break this down by year and if it was a meme or social media abuse.***
- 2. How many of these incidents resulted in police attending someone's house to speak to them about the meme/social media abuse incident/s or investigate the incident? Please list this down by action taken, ie given a talking to, charged etc.***
- 3. During 2023 and so far in 2024, how many total incidents of burglary were reported to your force? Please break this down by year.***
- 4. How many of these incidents resulted in police attending someone's house to speak to them about the burglary or investigate the incident? Please list this as to whether there was further action taken after the police attended the first time or if that was the end of it after the first visit.***

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. To provide a response to question 2 and 4 regarding the reasoning for attendance and then to list by action taken would require a manual review of all incidents. An initial search of GMP's system for burglary incidents in 2023 and 2024 returned 35,886 records. As such, it is anticipated it would take in excess of the 18 hours limit to provide the requested information.

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 that you are requesting will need to be reduced. For example, a reduction in questions asked or timeframe. 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

Although excess costs remove GMP's obligations under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, as a gesture of goodwill I have supplied some information relative to your request that was retrieved before it was realised that the fees limit would be exceed (see below information). I hope that this is of use to you, but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fees regulations for the remainder of your request.

Caveats:

In July 2019, GMP implemented one of the largest IT infrastructure changes in UK policing. The systems are in continual development and the data provided for this request is what the systems currently hold.

- This data contains incidents recorded under opening code C03 'burglary' with a created date between 1st January 2023 and 2nd October 2024, excluding incidents with a closing code of L10 Duplicate, L19 Error or L22 Test or training.

Year	Incident Volume
2023	21,394
2024	14,492