

Date: 10th September 2024
Our ref: FOI/24/013109/X

I write in connection with your request for information dated 13/08/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

- 1. How many arrests were made during the July/August riots following the Southport stabbings? Broken down by gender, age group and ethnicity?**
1a) Of these, can you provide the reason for arrest or summary MO?
1b) How many were arrested specifically for racist or religious hate crime?

Clarification received - Can you provide the requested data for the following days/locations:

Saturday 3rd August at Piccadilly Gardens in Manchester City Centre
Mosley Street, Manchester City Centre - Saturday 3rd August
Bolton Town Centre - Sunday 4th August
Oldham Road, Newton Heath, July 31st.

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 breakdown of gender, age, and ethnicity as well as the reason for arrest, all individual custody records would need to be manually reviewed. A search of GMP's records returned over 100 arrest records for the time and locations required. At a very conservative estimate of 15 minutes per record this would take the request to in excess of the 18 hour limit.

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 to a much shorter time period or a reduction in the volume of breakdown required. 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