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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/013115/V

I write in connection with your request for information dated 14/08/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I would like the following figures on your police force's use of dispersal orders under the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014, for the last two financial years (2021/22, 2022/23):

The total number of times the power was used; The total number of arrests made under the power.

Result of Searches

Information relating to part one of your request is not held in an easily retrievable format, if it is indeed held at all. There is no centrally held record of dispersal orders issued prior to 2023. In order to provide such data would require each division, sub-division and possibly each individual officer to undertake necessary searches to establish if this has happened and if so on how many occasions.

To comply with the whole of your request the process would take over 18 hours' work and therefore exceeds the appropriate limit of £450.00, 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. The only advice that GMP can give is that you specify a particular district within GMP to make your request

more manageable within the fees limit of the act, although this still may not be possible for even one district area.