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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/012949/Z

I write in connection with your request for information dated 16/07/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

1 - In each of the following calendar years the number of arrests for drink and drug driving by your force.

- i) 2018***
- ii) 2019***
- iii) 2020***
- iv) 2021***
- v) 2022***
- vi) 2023***
- vii) 2024***

2 - Of the arrests in each year, please state the number which led to a charge. Please provide a breakdown, if held and retrievable within the FOIA cost limit, what offence was charged.

3 - Please provide a copy of the redacted free text summary of the details of the arrest held in the force's crime reporting information system for drink and drug driving cases recorded by your force between July 1st and July 15th 2024.

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.

A manual review will be required to respond to question 2 of this request. GMP would need to review each offence recorded to ascertain if charges were brought against individuals for drink/drug related offences only. Suspects may have been arrested for driving offences which later resulted in a drink/drug crime being detected and this will enable accurate data to be provided for this request. Due to the number of results per year this request will certainly exceed 18hrs to provide the 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 you are requesting will need revising with the removal of question 2 and or a reduced time frame. 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.

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 fee's 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.

- The data provided is based off the results from HO codes 803/02, 803/03, 803/05, 803/06, 803/7, 803/09, 803/10, 803/11, 803/12, 803/13, 803/14, 803/15, 803/16.
- There may be more than one suspect attached to a crime. For this reason, the number of results may not be the same as the number of crimes.
- Data provided for 2024 is up to the 22/8/2024.

Question 1.

2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024 (as of 22/08/2024)
326	3629	4339	4216	5616	6385	4069
