

Date: 10th September 2024
Our ref: FOI/24/013154/C

I write in connection with your request for information dated 22/08/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

- 1) Provide detailed information about the Educational qualification of all the officers working in the Greater Manchester Police Department.***
- 2) Provide detailed information about Suspended police officers.***
- 3) Provide detailed information whether any officer currently working in your department has a past related to criminal activities.***

CLARIFICATION

- 1. **Educational Qualifications**:* I am seeking information on the academic and professional qualifications of all officers working in the Greater Manchester Police Department. This should include details such as the highest level of education attained, relevant degrees, and any professional certifications or training completed.**
- 2. **Suspended Police Officers**:* I would like information on the number of police officers currently suspended, including the reasons for their suspension, if available, and the duration of their suspension.**
- 3. **Criminal History of Officers**:* I am inquiring whether any current officers in the Greater Manchester Police Department have a history of involvement in criminal activities. If this information is available, please provide details regarding the nature of these activities and any actions taken by the department in response.**

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 for questions 1 in an easily retrievable format. The information is not held centrally and would require a significant manual review to be conducted of approximately 8,000 personal files. This review would require us to review all documents such as application forms etc to see if there is any educational details of educational qualifications. As such it is anticipated to exceed the 18 hour limit to collate the data required.

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 the volume of questions asked by removing question 1. 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