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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/013191/H

I write in connection with your request for information dated 30/08/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I am seeking detailed data on riot-related incidents in the UK, similar to the information provided in the Home Office report 'An overview of recorded crimes and arrests resulting from disorder events in August 2011', but with additional specifics. I understand that defining incidents specifically as 'riot-related' may be challenging. Therefore, I would be grateful for crime data in general for the specified dates, with a focus on categories that may be associated with riot or disorder events. Specifically, I am requesting the following information for incidents during the 2011 England Riots from August 6th to August 11th 2011.

1. *Precise location of each incident (latitude and longitude coordinates preferred, or postcode if coordinates are not available).*
2. *Date and (where possible) time of each incident.*
3. *Crime classification:*
 - *Specific type of crime recorded, using the following categories where possible:*
 - a) *Acquisitive crimes: Burglary, Theft, Handling stolen goods, Robbery*
 - b) *Criminal damage: Criminal damage, Arson, Disorder, Violent disorder, Other disorder*
 - c) *Violence against the person: Violence with injury, Assault without injury, Other violence against the person*
 - d) *Other: Drugs, Other*
 - *If these specific categories are not available, please provide data on burglary, criminal damage, and arson at a minimum.*
4. *Victim/Target information where possible:*
 - *Type of victim/target, categorized as follows:*
 - a) *Commercial premises and where possible please provide further classification e.g. retail or services.*

- b) Police**
- c) Vehicles**
- d) Domestic premises**
- e) Individuals**
- f) Other Targets**

5. Financial Costs: Any information on the estimated financial costs incurred because of these riots. This includes costs related to damage, stolen goods, emergency services, and any other associated expenses.

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 some of the information requested is held by GMP.

However, GMP does not hold the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format.

GMP is unable to provide a response to question 4 of this request without completing a manual review. A review of all the results will have to be checked to provide the victim and target part of this request if it at all is held. Initial searches have brought back over 2000 results and so the request will not be able to be completed within the 18hrs permitted to provide information under the FOIA.

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 4 and/or a reduction in the volume of information requested. 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 exceeded (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.

Question 5 - No information held.