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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/013235/C

I write in connection with your request for information dated 09/09/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

- 1. How many suspects do you currently have Released Under Investigation (RUI)?***
- 2. Of those what is the longest period of time a suspect has remained RUI?***

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.

GMP cannot provide the data required for question 2 without completing a manual review for all the RUI's currently over 3years. Searches have revealed 449 RUI's that have been open longer than 3years, and each one will need to be checked to see which one has the longest period a suspect has remained RUI. At a conservative estimate of 5 minutes per review, it is expected that it will take approximately 37hrs to complete this part of the request.

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. However, 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 1.

As of 10/09/2024 the number GMP currently have Released Under Investigation is 12,195.