

Date: 19th September 2024
Our ref: FOI/24/013257/I

I write in connection with your request for information dated 13/09/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

****Follow up from 01/FOI/24/013200/R****

Please consider this as a revised request under the Freedom of Information Act:

Could you provide the following with timeframe from January 1, 2019 until the day this request is fulfilled.

- 1. A list of the number of child trafficking or abduction crimes involving the use of an ambulance.***
- 2. A list of the number of crimes where such ambulance use described above has been traced to a paramedic working in an NHS Ambulance Service.***
- 3. A copy of the Police Force's Serious Sexual Offences Problem Profile as well as child trafficking problem profile.***

If the time needed to process this FOI exceeds the designated 18 hours, you're advised to consider an alternative timeline beginning from January 1, 2019, and ending at December 31, 2022.

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 in an easily retrievable format. To determine whether Modern Slavery/Human Trafficking and Kidnapping/Abduction crimes involve the use of an ambulance would require a manual review of all crimes. A search of GMP's records shows a total of 729 crimes in the period required. At a very conservative estimate of 10 minutes per crime would take this request to in excess of 121.5 hours to ascertain the data required which exceeds the 18 hour limit.

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 to a much shorter time period and a reduction in the volume of questions asked. 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