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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/014255/J

I write in connection with your request for information dated 17/04/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

- 1. In the target period from 1.1.24 to 31.12.24 how many times has your force carried out a targeted operation to see if drugs have been present at either a (i) licensed premises or (ii) a football stadium. By this I mean an operation to check if drug residues have been left behind at a building or facility indicating that drug taking has gone on at the venue at some date in the past.*
- 2. If so please state the (i) venue where the tests were carried out, (ii) the area within the venue where the tests were carried out and (iii) details of the types of drugs that were detected/or if no drugs were detected.*

Result of Searches

Information relating to part one of your request is not held in an easily retrievable format, if it is indeed held at all. There is no centrally held record of such instances and to provide such data would require each division, sub-division and possibly each individual officer to undertake necessary searches to establish if any such targeted operation took place and if so on how many occasions

To comply with the whole of your request the process would take over 18 hours' work and therefore exceeds the appropriate limit of £450.00, 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. The only advice that GMP can give is that you specify a particular district within GMP to make your request more manageable within the fees limit of the act, although this still may not be possible for even one district.