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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/014325/G

I write in connection with your request for information dated 27/02/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

1. *How may complaints have been made against GMP Chief constable Mr Watkins.*
2. *How many were upheld and how many were dismissed*
3. *How many officers over the last 20yrs have been charged or accused of sex crimes, whether abuse or child porn.*
4. *How many were prosecuted and how many were cleared.*

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 some of 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 provide the data requested in questions 3 and 4 would involve a manual search of all disciplinary records prior to the year 2020, as the system used at the time did not have the facility to log this information.

There are over 3,000 records that would have to be manually reviewed. At a very conservative estimate of 10 minutes to locate, retrieve and review each file it would take approximately 500 hours to ascertain the data required.

Therefore, to comply with the whole of your request the process would take over 18 hours' work which exceeds the appropriate limit of £450.00, the amount to which we are legally required to respond.

As per section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the cost of providing you with the information is therefore 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 greatly reduced time period. 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.

Please note that no information is held by GMP in relation to questions 1 and 2. The appropriate authority for complaints against the Chief Constable is the Greater Manchester Combined Authority. Please contact them for this information.