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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/014341/G

I write in connection with your request for information dated 03/03/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I am writing to make a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. As part of the UKRI International Law Enforcement Information Exchange Project (Edge Hill University), examining how information can be effectively exchanged between law enforcement agencies, we would like to ask you to provide the following information:

1. *Data Breaches:*

- A. *The number of data breaches recorded by your force in the past 10 years.*
- B. *The agencies or external bodies involved, if any.*
- C. *The type of data compromised.*
- D. *The departments or units within your force affected.*
- E. *The impact of these data breaches.*
- F. *Whether any of these breaches were reported in the media (if so, please specify).*
- G. *Whether the breaches were made public by the force.*

2. *Information Sharing Agreements:*

- A. *What information sharing agreements your force currently has in place.*

- B. The number of information sharing agreements your force currently has in place.*
- C. The organisations or agencies these agreements are with.*
- D. A distinction between statutory information sharing agreements and localised agreements.*

3. Operational Databases:

- A. The number of separate information databases your force operates in relation to operational matters (excluding internal systems such as HR or logistical databases, clothing stores, etc.).*
- B. A brief description of the purpose of these operational databases. To be clear, we do not require specific titles of the databases; generic descriptions will suffice - for example: "intelligence (general)", "intelligence casework", "incident (general)", "knife crime", "gangs", etc.*

We fully acknowledge the need to maintain operational sensitivity and are not requesting any information that would compromise security or investigative work.

4. ADR Requirements:

- A. The systems your force uses to ensure compliance with the Authorised Professional Practice on Data Retention (ADR) requirements.*
- B. Confirmation on whether these systems fully address all ADR requirements, or whether certain requirements necessitate bespoke responses or solutions.*

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 question 1 would involve a manual search of all recorded data breaches to ascertain the information requested.

A search of our records shows that since 2018, there have been 1,151 breaches that would have to be reviewed. At a very conservative estimate of 10 minutes to locate, retrieve and review each file it would take approximately 192 hours to ascertain the data required, and that would only be for the last eight years, not 10. No information is held relating to data breaches prior to 2018.

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