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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/015068/M

I write in connection with your request for information dated 07/07/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

It is understood that in January 2022, Police Scotland issued a directive (under the authority of Assistant Chief Constable [REDACTED]) advising officers not to engage with members of the public seeking to report concerns or alleged offences relating to the COVID 19 vaccination programme, and to log such incidents via internal systems, including informing Operation Talla.

In light of this, I request the following information:

Directives or Communications

1. *Please provide a copy of any directive, memo, bulletin, or internal communication issued by your force between 1 December 2021 and 1 May 2022, which:*
 - (a) *References members of the public attempting to report criminal allegations related to the COVID 19 vaccine or seeking to serve documents on vaccine delivery staff;*
 - (b) *Instructs officers or staff on how to respond to such actions;*
 - (c) *Makes reference to Operation Talla, Operation Norden, CVI entries, or similar intelligence recording mechanisms in relation to these incidents.*

National Guidance

2. *Please provide any documentation or internal communications received from the National Police Chiefs' Council (NPCC), the UK Gold Command Structure, or any other central coordinating body, relating to public dissent or protest activity linked to the COVID 19 vaccine programme.*

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 "internal communications" and in order to provide such data would require each division, sub-division and possibly each individual officer to undertake necessary searches to establish if any information relevant to your request is held.

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 divisional area 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 divisional area.