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Our ref: FOI/25/015217/H

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/25/015217/H

I write in connection with your request for information dated 29/07/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I am writing to make a formal Subject Access Request under the UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018.

I am requesting access to any and all information held by your force relating to:

The number of serving police officers currently affiliated with or members of the Blue Knights Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club (BKLEMC) in the United Kingdom.

If possible, I would also appreciate the following:

- * The ranks and divisions (without naming individuals) of those officers who are members***
- * Any official correspondence, policies, or internal guidance relating to police officers' involvement with the LEMC***
- * Any oversight or vetting process in place concerning officer membership in external organizations such as motorcycle clubs with law enforcement links***

This request does not seek the personal data or names of individual officers, only statistical or structural information related to current officer involvement with the BKLEMC.

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police (GMP) to locate the requested information. However, GMP cannot confirm if it holds the information that you have requested without conducting a thorough search on your behalf.

The information requested is not held centrally on a recording system. GMP would be required to undertake a substantial review to see if we hold any information relating to your request. The search/review would involve manually contacting all GMP police officers to determine if they are affiliated with BKLEMC. Any data held once the review was conducted may not be accurate to provide under the FOIA. Due to level of work required, to confirm whether the information is held would take over 18 hours.

Therefore, as per section 12(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the cost of searching for the information is above the amount to which we are legally required to respond i.e. the cost of locating 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.

However, in accordance with Section 16(1) – the duty to provide advice and assistance – of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, Greater Manchester Police will be unable to provide advice for you to reduce the request in order for the force to keep this within the fees limit.

Should you wish to refine and resubmit your request in line with the advice above please respond to freedomofinformation@gmp.police.uk.