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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/015251/J

I write in connection with your request for information dated 05/09/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Please supply the following information under the Freedom of Information Act.

1st January 2019 - 31st December 2024 (calendar years).

Q1) Please advise the number of reports your force has received that have any of the following terms in their description or classification. Please give the individual number for each term rather than grouping them together:

Ghosts

Demons

Monsters

Paranormal phenomena

Supernatural entities

Poltergeists

Apparitions

UFO's

Aliens

Other similar terms associated with paranormal or supernatural activity.

2) For the above data, please advise which post code areas the most reports came from. Break this down by month/year, too.

3) How many reports did you receive from Police Officers for each of the terms in Q1.

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 the information you have requested is held by GMP.

GMP does not hold the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format. To provide the data requested would involve listening to the recordings of all calls received between 2019 and 2024 to see if they are relevant to your request.

A search of our records shows that for just 2024 GMP received 1,332,162 calls. 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