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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/015321/G

I write in connection with your request for information dated 06/08/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

As you know, knife crime is a major issue both on a local level and also nationally and I understand GMP are working hard to try to reduce the incidence of these crimes.

- 1. I would like to ask how many stabbings there were in the borough of Bury in the last 24 months, and also the outcomes of these (e.g. fatality/wounded etc).***
- 2. how many stabbings there were from 2010-2012 as well as their outcomes.***

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police (GMP) to locate the requested information and I can confirm the information requested is held by GMP.

However, GMP does not hold the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format.

While GMP will hold the data available on knife crime statistics, to know if a knife crime results in an actual "stabbing" would require a manual interrogation of the knife crimes that match the criteria of this FOI as this information is not held in a searchable field on GMP systems. For the requested time frames there are 480 results that each would need to be checked to determine whether they involved a 'stabbing'. At a conservative estimate of 5 minutes to review each one, it would take approximately 40hours to provide the requested data.

Therefore, as per **Section 12(1)** of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the cost of providing you with the information is 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 attempt to keep this within the fees limit, the information you are requesting will need revising to request data held using the HO offence codes which can be found here - [Home Office Crime Recording Rules for frontline officers and staff - GOV.UK](#)

With any request that requires a manual review there is always a chance of a request being refused under S12 due to the enormity of work that is usually needed to provide the data, therefore 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.