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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/015164/L

I write in connection with your request for information dated 22/07/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Under the freedom of information act please can you provide the following information broken down by the following calendar years: 2022, 2023, 2024

1, How many individuals were given a Criminal Behaviour Order for shoplifting

2, Of those how many have been charged with breaching the order during its duration

If it comes to light that you are unable to answer this FOI due to exemptions or due to the fact the data is not available in a retrievable format please provide suggestions on how to reword the FOI to obtain the relevant information requested.

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.

GMP would be unable to respond to this request as the information required is not held in any central location for easy extraction. It would therefore require each person who has a CBO to be researched to confirm the offence that the CBO was attached to. For those who were processed for shoplifting, the PNC record would need to be checked to see if they were arrested and charged for a breach of that CBO during its duration. As of April, this year, we had 565 live CBOs force wide, however, this number excluded any expired CBOs so if we take into account a review of any expired ones plus the previous years this would far exceed the limits set in the FOIA to respond.

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 with a revised timeframe for question 1 only. 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.

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