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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/015201/Z

I write in connection with your request for information dated 24/07/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

- A. *How many community resolution orders have been issued for each of the last three years?***
- B. *Please can a breakdown of the offences committed be given? If going into detail is too time-consuming for an FOI request then please use categories. Ie, indecent exposure could become sexual offences, or ABH to violent crime.***
- C. *Does the force hold information of the nationality or asylum status of people handed community resolution orders? If so please provide the number of asylum seekers handed resolution orders for each year / a nationality breakdown for each year.***
- D. *If nationality or asylum status information is held, please also include what offences have been committed by asylum seekers or by nationality. Eg sexual offences, violent crimes.***

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 some of the information requested is held by GMP.

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

GMP would not be able to respond to the request regarding asylum status without carrying out a manual review. This information is not stored in a searchable way, instead over 18,000 records would

need to be trawled through to understand what we hold in relation to what you have asked. As such, this request would exceed 18hrs to respond in full.

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 the removal of the asylum status sections.

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.

Although excess costs remove GMP's obligations under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, as a gesture of goodwill I have supplied some information relative to your request that was retrieved before it was realised that the fees limit would be exceed (see below information). I hope that this is of use to you, but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fee's regulations for the remainder of your request.

Year	Total community resolution orders issued
2022	4754
2023	5795
2024	8404