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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/015425/N

I write in connection with your request for information dated 02/09/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Thank you for your response dated 01/09/2025 regarding my Freedom of Information request. I note your explanation concerning the limitations in retrieving detailed call-out data to the Great Stone Hotel over the past ten years. However, I would like to respectfully point out that the Inspector who provided the public statement on behalf of GMP has clearly had access to relevant information in order to assert that "there has been no increase in anti-social behaviour or crimes associated in the locality of the hotel." Given this, it does not seem unreasonable for a resident to request access to the same underlying data, particularly when such a statement is being used to inform public discourse.

Additionally, I would like to highlight that my second request—regarding the permission granted to the Gorse Hill Labour Party to use the Inspector's quote in their public statement—was not addressed in your response. I would be grateful if you could confirm whether such permission was formally given, and if so, provide a copy of that authorisation.

I remain happy to refine my request in line with your advice regarding incident data, but I would appreciate clarification on the above points before doing so.

NEW REQUEST - BELOW

As a Gorse Hill resident, I read with interest your comment in a formal statement published today by the Gorse Hill Labour Party on their Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/LabourGorsehill/>)

regarding the Great Stone Hotel in Stretford where you said that "There has no increase in anti-social behaviour or crimes associated in the locality of the hotel."

Under the Freedom of Information Act, can you send me the details of the number of incidents reported to GMP for the hotel in the last ten years and what subsequent action was taken by GMP and secondly, can you send me a copy of the permission you gave to the Gorse Hill

Labour Party to use your quote in their statement on the hotel published on Facebook on 18 August 2025.

I also note your clarification, dated 27/10/2025:

Thank you for your response. To clarify your query, "what subsequent action was taken by GMP" refers to the specific steps or measures Greater Manchester Police took following the callouts to the hotel. In plain terms, it means: what did GMP do in response to reports of incidents at that location?

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.

However, GMP does not hold the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format. To provide the data requested about what action was taken would involve a manual review of all incidents recorded at this location, as incidents do not have outcome codes that can be easily collated.

A search of our incident records shows that there are 340 incidents that would have to be manually reviewed. At a very conservative estimate of 5 minutes to locate, retrieve and review each file it would take approximately 28 hours to ascertain the data required.

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