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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/015890/I

I write in connection with your request for information dated 20/11/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Please provide me with a list of:

- 1) Every public event (march, demonstration, music or sporting event, etc.,) of which your force was notified in advance by an organiser or other party since 1 January 2023 and up until the date of your response to this request,*
- 2) The date(s) of the event, and*
- 3) Whether you used live facial recognition (LFR) technology at the event.*

Please clearly state what the event was, for example, a demonstration for Palestine, [team A] v. [team B] rugby match, or a pride march.

Please provide this information to me in a .csv format or Word document.

If you need any clarification about my request, or if you cannot provide all of the data I have requested, please contact me to discuss what information you could supply at the earliest opportunity

If I am mistaken and the information requested is already in the public domain, please direct me to where I can find it.

If it is not, and you feel you cannot provide all of this information, please provide what information you can in the spirit of Section 16 of the Freedom of Information Act, to 'provide advice and assistance, so far as it would be reasonable to expect the authority to do so, to persons who propose to make, or have made requests for information'.

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 in questions 1 and 2 would involve a manual search of all events recorded in our database to see if GMP was notified in advance.

A search of our records shows that for just this year up to 21st November, there have been 3,844 events. At a very conservative estimate of 5 minutes to locate, retrieve and review each file it would take approximately 320 hours to ascertain the data required, and that would only be for this year.

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.

Although excess costs remove GMP's obligations under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, as a gesture of goodwill, I have supplied information that was retrieved before it was realised that the fees limit would be exceeded. I trust this is helpful, but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fees regulations for the remainder of your request.

GMP has not used Live Facial Recognition (LFR) at any events. A full list of LFR deployments is available on the GMP website: [Live Facial Recognition | Greater Manchester Police](#)