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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/015993/O

I write in connection with your request for information dated 09/12/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

2 requests merged.

I request the following information, since October 2023, the number of times pre-event conditions have been applied under section 12 and section 14 of the Public Order Act 1986, including for each imposition:

- 1. The date the conditions were imposed detailing whether section 12 or section 14;***
- 2. Whether the conditions were pre-event, at the event conditions, or both;***
- 3. The location of the procession or assembly that was imposed;***
- 4. the group organising the relevant procession or assembly and/or the protest type (i.e., pro-Palestinian, far-right, climate, anti-fascist or other etc);***
- 5. For each instance, where available, the reason(s) given for the imposition of conditions (e.g., serious disruption, intimidation, public disorder concerns etc).***

I request the following information, since October 2023, the number directions have been applied under section 42 of the Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001, including for each direction:

- 1. The date the conditions were imposed;***
- 2. Whether the conditions were pre-event, at the event conditions, or both;***
- 3. The approximate location of the condition that was imposed e.g. the local authority ward or street name;***
- 4. the group organising the relevant procession or assembly and/or the protest type (i.e., pro-Palestinian, far-right, climate, anti-fascist or other etc);***
- 5. For each instance, where available, the reason(s) given for the imposition of conditions (e.g., serious disruption, intimidation, public disorder concerns etc).***

Result of Searches

GMP cannot confirm if it holds all the information that you have requested without conducting a thorough search on your behalf.

The information requested in both FOI's above is not held in any central location for us to understand what data is held by GMP. It would require a substantial manual review of all operations carried out since October 2023 to be able to provide what you are looking for, should the information be located and retrieved within the searches carried out. Due to the time that has passed, and the number of operations that would have taken place, to complete this request would exceed the 18hrs allowed withing the FOIA.

Therefore, as per section 12(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the cost of searching for the information is above the amount to which we are legally required to respond i.e. the cost of locating 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 reduced time frame along with a reduction in the volume of required information. 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.