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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/013907/O

I write in connection with your request for information dated 06/01/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

With reference to any custody images of people who have not been charged or convicted that are currently being stored in your locally held database, please could you give me a breakdown by religion and ethnicity?

If the data is held, please could you give me two separate breakdowns (a column for religion and a column for ethnicity)? If information on religion is not recorded, please could you just give me a breakdown by ethnicity?

Please could you also include a brief note to indicate how long each person's image has been on the database? Additionally, if it is within the time and cost limit, please could you also include a note about whether each one has been cleared or if they are still awaiting trial?

Ideally I'd like to get information about all images currently stored on your database at the moment, but if a timeframe is required, please could you provide information for images captured from 1 January 2020 to the date of this request?

Result of Searches

Greater Manchester Police (GMP) does not hold the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format. To provide the ethnicity data requested would involve a manual search of all custody records to establish the details you have asked for.

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

Please note that GMP do not record the religious beliefs of detainees, so no information is held in relation to the religion part of your request.