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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/014207/B

I write in connection with your request for information dated 12/02/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Could you please qualify:

The number of rape kits currently awaiting processing.

The average time it take to process a rape kit.

The number of rape kits processed by your force in the past 12 months.

Whether you force has experienced a rape kit shortage.

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 the information requested is held by GMP.

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

GMP do not record this information in any central location and therefore would not be able to provide a response without carrying out a manual review. This process would involve a manual searching of property stores and forensic science providers along with multiple hours searching different systems and cross referencing information to match this request. Due to the amount of work involved this request would exceed 18hr to provide a response.

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. Please note GMP can only provide data that it currently holds and cannot create data to satisfy an FOI request therefore the advice would be to remove Q2. 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.

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