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Our ref: 01/FOI/25/014197/Q

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/014197/Q

I write in connection with your request for information dated 11/02/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Please kindly accept this as a FOI relating to the flooding around the Didsbury area on 01/01/25.

Please provide all and any internal and external communications made in respect of this event, i.e. internal memos, emails, logs etc, particularly with the Environmental Agency.

Result of Searches

Information relating to part one of your request is not held in an easily retrievable format, if it is indeed held at all. There is no centrally held record of such communications and in order to provide such information would require each division, sub-division and possibly each individual officer to undertake necessary searches to establish if any communications were made and if so on how many occasions.

Enquiries have been made with the Specialist Operations Branch, and they anticipate that to comply with the whole of your request the process would take over 18 hours' work and therefore exceeds the appropriate limit of £450.00, 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. This would not include further enquiries that would have to be made with other teams within GMP, such as the City of Manchester District or the Force Contact Crime and Operations Branch.

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. The only advice that GMP can give is that you specify a particular divisional area within GMP to make your request more manageable within the fees limit of the act, although this still may not be possible for even one divisional area.