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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/014226/E

I write in connection with your request for information dated 14/02/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

REQUEST 1:

- A. What date did [REDACTED] join GMP as the head of professional standards?**
- B. From the date [REDACTED] joined GMP to the date of the response to this freedom of information request, please provide the total number of officers issued with a regulation 17 notice by Greater Manchester Police, specifically relating to a criminal investigation.**
- C. Please provide a breakdown of the answer provided in question B by the rank of the officer, without identifying any individual. For example;**
 - a. Total number special Constables:**
 - b. Total number of Constables:**
 - c. Total number of Sergeants:**
 - d. Ect.**
- D. Please provide a breakdown of the primary offence being considered for each investigation.**
- E. Based on the response from B, how many of these criminal investigations are still open.**
- F. Based on the response from question B, and considering regulation 17(7), how many updates should have been given to the officer concerned or their representative.**

G. G. Based on the response from question B, and considering regulation 17(7), how many updates have actually been recorded to have been provided to the officer concerned or their representative.

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 are unable to respond to this request without carrying out a manual review. This is because the crime type is not extractable from the system, and neither is the number of 28 day updates provided to a subject as these are not held in a central location. A review of over 250 records would need to be manually trawled to provide this part of the request, and at an estimate of approximately 10 mins per each one it would take in the region of 41hrs.

Therefore, as per **Section 12(1)** of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the cost of providing you with the information is 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.

If one part of the request engages a Section 12 response, the whole request will engage a Section 12 response. The reason being is locating, retrieving and extracting any further information would only add to the already exceeded time obligations and so no other searches have been completed at this stage.

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 reduction in the volume of information requested and a reduced timeframe. However, 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.