

Date: 5th March 2025
Our ref: FOI/25/014301/Y

I write in connection with your request for information dated 26/02/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

***The number of unsolved murders in Greater Manchester as of January 31, 2025, including:
The date the murder took place
The names of the victims of these unsolved murders.
The cause of death for each of these victims.
Where these victims were from in Greater Manchester.
Where in Greater Manchester these murders took place.***

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police (GMP) to locate information relevant to your request. I can confirm that the information you have requested is held by GMP.

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

To provide the level of detail requested would involve a manual search of all records ever recorded. Some of the requested data will pre-date GMP's computer recording system and so the investigation records are held in paper documents in storage. It would take a considerable amount of time to locate, retrieve and manually review all documents and as such, it is anticipated it would take in excess of 18 hours to provide the requested information.

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.

However, in accordance with Section 16(1) – the duty to provide advice and assistance – of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, Greater Manchester Police will be unable able to provide advice for you to reduce the request in order for the force to keep this within the fees limit.

Should you wish to refine and resubmit your request in line with the advice above please respond to freedomofinformation@gmp.police.uk