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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/013891/X

I write in connection with your request for information dated 02/01/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act regarding any advice or guidance that GMP have provided to the group Manchester Against Racism.

Specifically, I am requesting further information on whether GMP have endorsed or approved the leaflets I have attached to this email, which have been distributed across Manchester. I would also be grateful if you could provide copies of any communication you have had with Manchester Against Racism, including any advice or guidance provided by GMP to the group.

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 communications with outside parties. To provide such data would require each division, sub-division and possibly each individual officer to undertake necessary searches to establish if any communication has occurred with Manchester Against Racism.

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.

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 branch or district 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 area.

Although excess costs remove GMP's obligations under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, as a gesture of goodwill I have supplied information relevant to your request that was retrieved before it was realised that the fees limit would be exceeded. I trust this is helpful, but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fees regulations for the remainder of your request.

GMP's Corporate Communications Branch were not involved in the publication of the leaflet attached to your email. Additionally, our Corporate Communications Branch have had no communication with Manchester Against Racism. To establish whether any other branch or district have had any communication with Manchester Against Racism would exceed the fees limit under S12(2) of the Freedom of Information Act, as explained above.