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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/013928/T

I write in connection with your request for information dated 07/01/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

For the 2024 calendar year (1 Jan to 31 Dec)

a) The number of DVPNs (of all types, including high risk) received.

Of these (DVPNs of all types) please provide:

i) The number that could not be followed up because of NRPF (no recourse to public funds) status.

ii) The number that continued into DVPOs.

b) The number of high risk DVPNs received.

Of these (high risk DVPNs) please provide:

i) The number that could not be followed up because of NRPF (no recourse to public funds) status.

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The same for the 2023 calendar year (1 Jan to 31 Dec)

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3. The same for the 2022 calendar year (1 Jan to 31 Dec)

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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 some of the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format.

For GMP to locate and retrieve the number of high risks and NRPF's would require a substantial manual review to be carried out due to how our system stores this type of information. Each recorded DA crime would need to be identified as to which are flagged with a DAB and then had a DVPN added and then a filter to which are high risk would need to be applied and searched for. For the year 2024 alone, there are approximately 54,000 DA crimes logged and so to complete the review needed on all of these along with the amount recorded for the other years requested would most certainly exceed the time limits permitted.

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.

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.

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 to request the number of DVPN and DVPO's only for your requested years. 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.