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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/013743/R

I write in connection with your request for information dated 28/11/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

1. In the past 5 years, how many claims have been made against the police force? (Between March 31 - April 1) Broken down by years 2019/2020, 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24.

1a. Can this be broken down by reason for the claim (i.e. traffic accident, assault, wrongful arrest, sexual misconduct, property damage etc.)

2. Can you provide the number and cost of such claims closed (or settled with a periodical payment order) between financial years 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24 with a damages payment?

If possible, can this be presented in PDF format please?

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 respond to question 2 of this request, it would require a substantial manual review of all the files that are relevant to this request. An interrogation into each one would allow us to retrieve the requested data as it is not held in any other easily retrievable way. A search has revealed over 3000 results that will need to be reviewed and due to the scale involved it is expected to take over 500 hrs to provide the information being asked at a rate of 10 minutes per review.

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 with the removal of Q2.

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.