

Date: 3rd January 2025
Our ref: FOI/24/013846/X

I write in connection with your request for information dated 18/12/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Under FOIA, please can you provide me with the following information for the entirety of the 2024 calendar year?

1/ The total number of Freedom of Information requests responded to by the force for this calendar year (2024). This is not the total number of FOI requests received but rather the total number of decisions sent to respondents by the force. Please do not include responses to internal reviews for all parts of this request, only responses to original requests.

2/ The total number of these decisions (the figure provided for part 1) which included a public interest test.

3/ A breakdown of the total number of public interest tests provided in the response to part 2 which concluded that information should be released (i.e. the conclusion of the test favoured disclosure).

4/ A breakdown of the total number of public interest tests provided in the response to part 2 which concluded information should not be released (i.e. the conclusion of the test favoured non-disclosure).

I would be grateful if you could use this template response table to provide the figures.

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 and there are no searchable fields to retrieve the exact information required.

To provide an accurate response we would have to conduct a manual review of all closed Freedom of Information requests. Each response letter would need to be manually assessed to determine if the public interest test favoured disclosure or non-disclosure. For the calendar year 2024 there has been a total of 1,823 FOI disclosures. As such, it is anticipated it would take more than 18 hours to conduct the manual review and 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