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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/013963/W

I write in connection with your request for information dated 13/01/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

- 1. How much funding does Greater Manchester Police Museum & Archive receive from GMP yearly?**
- 2. Has it been funded continuously since its creation in 1981?**
If yes, is there information available on the increase/decrease of funds received by the museum over the years?

Result of Searches

GMP cannot confirm if it holds all the information that you have requested without conducting a thorough search on your behalf

GMP would be required to undertake a substantial review to see if we hold some the information relating to your request. To trace financial records dating back to 1981, GMP would need to examine previous financial systems and paper records spanning over 37 years. Since access to the old computerised system is no longer available, we would have to depend on any manual/paper records, if still available. If such records are still available, accessing them would mean a substantial trawl through storage to locate the ones relevant. If such do exist, then each years records would need to be examined in detail to see if it holds information connected to question 2 of this request. This task would most certainly exceed the 18hrs to locate and retrieve the data requested.

Therefore, as per section 12(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the cost of searching for the information is above the amount to which we are legally required to respond i.e. the cost of locating 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 a much-reduced timeframe for question 2 or to revise the request to consist of question 1 only. 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.