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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/014815/T

I write in connection with your request for information dated 22/05/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I am seeking data on public disorder, call-outs, and arrests in connection with football matches held at Premier League stadiums in your jurisdiction.

Timeframe:

2023/24 Premier League season (and any available data from the current 2024/25 season)

Request:

- 1. Number of arrests for each Premier League stadium in your area.***
- 2. Number of police call-outs for each Premier League stadium in your area***
- 3. For each incident/arrest, if available:***
 - The nature of the offence (e.g. violence, public intoxication, trespassing)***
 - Whether the incident was during a men's or women's match***
 - The club supported by the individual arrested (if recorded)***

If multiple stadiums fall within your jurisdiction, please break down data by stadium.

If possible, please provide the information in an Excel (.xls or .xlsx) or CSV format.

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

GMP cannot provide the “***Number of police call-outs for each Premier League stadium in your area***” without carrying out a manual review. We are unable to determine the number of calls that are

made to GMP in relation to the specific topics in the request as not every call results in an incident, and until an incident is recorded, we are unable to determine the nature of the call. Call data represents the volume/quantitative side such as how many calls we received, the duration of each call, the number of unanswered calls, etc. It does not provide any details about the content of the calls. This information comes from the Call Handler documenting the call on our systems, which then becomes incident data.

GMP received 1,332,162 Public calls in 2024, to go back to the required time frame, and determine the nature of each call, it would require the calls to be listened to in full, and this would far exceed the time restrictions of an FOI.

Additionally, GMP would be required to manually review each arrest during the time frame as we do not record the arrests by specific locations. There have been over 12,000 arrests during the timeframe in just one of GMP's districts and so to review each one along with the remainder would far exceed the time limits to do so.

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 keep this within the fees limit, the information you are requesting will need revising to request the number of incidents recorded at premier league stadiums within GMP's boundaries and a much reduced time frame for question 1.

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.