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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/014541/M

I write in connection with your request for information dated 04/04/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Excluding Football Companies and their venues, how many other non-football related companies have requested and been given Police Special Services under section 25 of The police Act 1996, in the Greater Manchester Police area, in the 5 years, prior to the date of this email (2nd April 2025).

Result of Searches

Information relating to part one of your request is not held in an easily retrievable format, if it is indeed held at all. There is no centrally held record of Special Policing Services (SPS) requests and in order to provide such data would require each division, sub-division and possible each individual officer to undertake necessary searches to establish if this has happened and if so on how many occasions

To comply with the whole of your request the process would take over 18 hours' work and therefore exceeds the appropriate limit of £450.00, 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. The only advice that GMP can give is that you specify a particular district within GMP to make your request

more manageable within the fees limit of the act, although this still may not be possible for even one district.