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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/014636/S

I write in connection with your request for information dated 20/04/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I would like to request the following:

1. *A list of all -cides used by the Service. This is inclusive of, but not limited to: any and all avicides, biocides, fungicides, herbicides, insecticides, pesticides, and rodenticides.*
2. *The annual cost and volume of purchase of each of these -cides, broken down by -cide, from January 2014 to December 2024. Please list this on a spreadsheet (CSV), broken down by:*
 - *-Cide*
 - *Product Name*
 - *Volume Purchased*
 - *Price Paid*
 - *Purchase Date*
3. *A list of each of these -cides' use, by volume. Through this I am trying to ascertain whether the purchased volume is matched by the used volume, so if there is a record of expired or unused -cides too, that would be ideal. Please add this to the above CSV as an additional column, also on an annual basis over the same time period. Please list volume in either litres or kilograms, whichever is more appropriate.*
4. *Only if available and easily accessible, the location and purpose of each specific -cide's use. For the former, this may be classified by: location grouping, address, coordinate, or otherwise.*

If any of the individual pieces of information listed above are not available but others are, like cost and volume, then please signal this while responding with the other available information. Additionally, if records are only available for a time period less than that specified above, please provide these instead of rejecting the request as a whole.

If this request goes beyond time and cost restrictions, please respond with its time and cost estimate and recommendations to cut this down so that I can effectively follow up.

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 such purchases and uses and in order to provide such data would require each division, sub-division and possibly each individual staff member to undertake necessary searches to establish if any such substances have been purchased or used 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

In this instance, Greater Manchester Police will be unable to provide advice for you to reduce the request in order for the force to keep this within the fees limit in accordance with Section 16(1), the duty to provide advice and assistance, of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.