

Date: 20/05/2025
Our ref: 01/FOI/25/014732/R

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/014732/R

I write in connection with your request for information dated 09/05/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Refined 01/FOI/25/014541/M

My new FoI is as follows;

Has the company Serco Group PLC, within the Greater Manchester area, requested, and been given Police Special Services under section 25 of The police Act 1996, in the Greater Manchester Police area, in the last 3 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.

As previous advised in FOI request 01/FOI/25/014541/M, 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. The substantial review would need to be carried out to understand if we hold the information you are seeking and as such this request would far exceed the 18hrs permitted to provide a response.

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.

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. The only advice offered would be to contact Serco Group with this FOI request directly.