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Our ref: 01/FOI/25/014772/Z

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/014772/Z

I write in connection with your request for information dated 15/05/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Please provide copies of FOI requests that were referred by this police force to the NPCC Central Referral Unit from 1st January 2024 to the current day.

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 would not be able to respond to this request without carrying out a manual review from all the received FOI's from January 2024. This is due to the way our systems record this information and there is also no marker to filter the criteria required. From January 2024 – April 2025 GMP have received 2814 FOI requests and at a conservative estimate of 5 minutes per each review, this would exceed 200hrs to locate and retrieve the selected data.

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 attempt to keep this within the fees limit, the information you are requesting will need revising with reduced timeframe. Additionally you may wish to refer this FOI to the NPCC directly via npcc.foi.request@npfdu.police.uk.

Should you wish to refine and resubmit your request in line with the advice above please respond to freedomofinformation@gmp.police.uk.