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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/014680/W

I write in connection with your request for information dated 28/04/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

How many times it has been reported to GMP about the off road motorbikes on beech field playing fields and walk pathways in Swinton from the 25th April 2025- 28th April 2025

How many times GMP have responded to either a 101 call, online report or online chat

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 "how many times it has been reported to GMP about the off road motorbikes" at the stated location 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 result 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 1,482,086 calls in 2023, 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.

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 to request the number of off road motorbikes on beech field playing fields and walk pathways recorded at the stated location and not the number of call outs/times GMP have attended.

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.