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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/015643/V

I write in connection with your request for information dated 13/10/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

In the past five years, have you ever arrested an an asylum seeker who has come to the UK on a small boat for dealing drugs?

If the answer is yes, how many cases like this have occurred?

Result of Searches

GMP does not hold the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format, if it is indeed held at all. To ascertain if the data requested would involve a manual search of all custody records for drug supply offences to see if the immigration status and method of entry to the UK is recorded.

Therefore, to comply with the whole of your request the process would take over 18 hours' work which exceeds the appropriate limit of £450.00, the amount to which we are legally required to respond.

As per section 12(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the cost of providing you with the information is therefore 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. For the force to

keep this within the fees limit, the information that you are requesting will need to be reduced to a greatly reduced time period. 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