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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/015600/K

I write in connection with your request for information dated 03/10/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I am writing to request information under the FOI Act 2000. Please provide the following information. I am happy to receive it in the form of a spreadsheet or several spreadsheets. All my questions refer to the crime of working illegally (i.e. the worker does not have the right to work in the UK), and not to the crime of employing an illegal worker. I am aware that information about employers fined for hiring illegal workers is already published.

- 1. For every month since the beginning of 2025, how many right to work checks have been carried out by police officers (i.e. number of people's whose immigration status was checked by police)?*
- 2. For every month since the beginning of 2025, how many of those right to work checks were conducted on people working as delivery riders for Deliveroo/UberEats/?*
- 3. For every month since the beginning of 2025, how many people were arrested for working illegally?*
- 4. For every month since the beginning of 2025, how many of those arrested for working illegally were asylum seekers?*
- 5. For every month since the beginning of 2025, how many of those arrested for working illegally were working as delivery riders for Deliveroo/UberEats/JustEat?*
- 6. For every month since the beginning of 2025, how many people have been charged with working illegally*
- 7. For every month since the beginning of 2025, how many possible hate crimes against asylum seekers have been recorded? If you do not have a figure on this specifically, please instead provide a combined figure for violent crimes recorded where the victim was an asylum seeker.*
- 8. For every month since the beginning of 2025, how many violent crimes against people working as delivery riders have been recorded?*

If you do not have data on questions 7 and 8, or collating it would exceed costs, please provide a response to questions 1-6.

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 some of the information requested is held by GMP.

However, GMP does not hold the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format.

GMP are unable to respond to parts of this request without carrying out a manual review of multiple records. Specifically, In relation to questions 5, 7 and 8, GMP would be required to undertake a substantial trawl of over 63,000 crimes recorded under violence with injury or violence without injury in 2025, to see if the victim/suspect was an asylum seeker or food delivery driver. This information is not stored in a way that allows for easy extraction within our systems. Due to the scale of this review, this request would not be able to be completed in under 18hrs.

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 a reduced time frame for the two questions highlighted above. In addition, a reduction in the volume of requested information may assist in a response being provided.

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.