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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/015742/X

I write in connection with your request for information dated 28/10/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Under freedom of information legislation, I am seeking the following information:

- The number of females aged 18 and under who were a) arrested and b) charged by the Operation Messenger investigation into child sexual exploitation in Oldham, which ran between 2006 and 2014.

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.

During the timeframe requested the information was not held centrally for this request, and GMP have since upgraded its systems. While GMP would hold the data, to locate, retrieve and extract the information you seek would require a manual review which would consist of multiple systems having to be interrogated to obtain the required data held. Once located each file would need to be trawled through to understand which cases match what you have asked in this request. Some cases may have a large number of crimes across the 8years and to complete this task would far exceed the 18hrs permitted.

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.

Outside of a reduced time frame, due to having to interrogate many systems past and present, Greater Manchester Police will be unable to provide further 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.