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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/015770/B

I write in connection with your request for information dated 03/11/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Please provide data on the number of individuals arrested in your force area between 2018 - 2025, per year, where their immigration status was recorded as "illegal", "refugee", "irregular", "undocumented", "asylum seeker", or "failed asylum seeker" and total number of arrests.

Result of Searches

GMP cannot confirm if it holds all the information that you have requested without conducting a thorough search on your behalf

GMP would be required to undertake a substantial review to see if we hold the information relating to your request. As there is no field search for this request, a review would need to be carried out using keyword searches, and/or checking each record to see if the phrases above have been mentioned on the arrest file. Due the time frame you have provided, to review each arrest file from 2018 would most certainly exceed the 18hrs permitted.

Therefore, as per section 12(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the cost of searching for the information is above the amount to which we are legally required to respond i.e. the cost of locating 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 and to provide a list of keywords that we could use for any further searches. Additionally, you can provide the HO/CJSS offence code for us to locate any arrests under. However, 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.