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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/015863/F

I write in connection with your request for information dated 14/11/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I wish to make an FOI. Please tell me within 20 working days the following:

- 1) How many people are registered on the Sex Offenders Register within your constabulary?**
- 2) How many of these people are foreign nationals?**
- 3) Please provide a breakdown by nationality of passports held of those on the register as British/non-British**

I note that the provision of details of any held passports is a requirement for reporting. As such, I expect that, at the very least, a response to parts 1 and 2 is possible.

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 would be unable to fulfil this request in full without carrying out a manual review for question 3. Our system does not have any fields/flags to allow for the easy extraction of the data required, and there would be no way of working out a breakdown of nationality without going in to each of the 1,532 and recording the nationality individually. At a conservative rate of 5 minutes per each review, this request would take in the region of 127hrs to complete for just question 3.

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 the removal of Q3. 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.

Although excess costs remove GMP's obligations under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, as a gesture of goodwill I have supplied some information relative to your request that was retrieved before it was realised that the fees limit would be exceed (see below information). I hope that this is of use to you, but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fee's regulations for the remainder of your request.

1. There are 5,740 registered sex offenders in the GMP area.
2. 1532 are recorded as Non British Nationals, however from this total 103 have no nationality recorded.