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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/015465/V

I write in connection with your request for information dated 09/09/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Dear Information Management Team, I am writing to request confirmation of the date of an armed police operation that took place at or near Norfolk Avenue, Droylsden, Manchester, in which I was indirectly and innocently involved. I do not require any personal, sensitive, or third-party data, nor am I requesting operational or confidential information. My request is solely for the calendar date (or date range) on which the incident occurred, for the purposes of legal and factual clarification in my personal records. This event is believed to be linked to a period of heightened armed police activity in the Droylsden area and occurred sometime between mid-2012 and 2015.

Please confirm, if possible:

1. *The date (or date range) of the armed police presence or incident at or near Norfolk Avenue, Droylsden*
2. *Any associated non-sensitive incident or operation reference number, if available*

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police (GMP) to locate information relevant to your request.

GMP does not hold the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format. To provide the data requested would involve a manual search of all firearms authorisations from between 2012 and 2015, as it is not possible to search the records by address.

A search of firearms records shows that there are over 2,500 records that would have to be manually reviewed. At a very conservative estimate of 5 minutes to locate, retrieve and review each file it would take approximately 208 hours to ascertain the data required. 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(1) 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.

In this instance, Greater Manchester Police will be unable able to provide 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.