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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/015149/M

I write in connection with your request for information dated 21/07/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I would sincerely appreciate your assistance with the following.

- 1. Please provide any guidance/orders you have issued as a force to your officers over the policing of protests or displays of support concerning Palestine Action since the group's proscription came into effect.***
- 2. I request any communications to officers concerning this covering the period between the date the proscription came into effect until the present date.***
- 3. Please also disclose any communication from external, non-governmental organisations/groups concerning the proscription of Palestine Action from within this same time-frame.***

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 question 2 of your request. All communications of this nature are not kept in any central location unless necessary for different reasons. In this instance the information which may have been communicated is not centrally held and so all inboxes would need to be keyword searched and all officers may need to be contacted to understand what communications they have or have been sent in relation to the Palestine action. Due to the scale of this task, this request could not be completed within the 18hrs permitted under the FOIA.

If one part of the request engages a Section 12 response, the whole request will engage a Section 12 response. The reason being is locating, retrieving and extracting any further information would only add to the already exceeded time obligations and so no other searches have been completed at this stage.

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 to request information on questions 1 and 3 only. 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.