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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/015360/N

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, public authorities can amalgamate requests from the same individual that are on the same subject matter if they are received within 60 working days of each other. Therefore, the 2 requests you sent to us on 15th and 18th August 2025 regarding police officer pensions have been merged into one request.

15/08/2025:

1. *Is a police officer's pension at the point of them retiring under the 1987 PPS based on their current salary in 2025 at the point of retiring OR is it based on their salary at the point when the 1987 Scheme closed and they moved to the new CARE scheme in April 2015?*
2. *Taking cognisance of the McCloud Remedy, is a police officer's pension at the point of them retiring under the 1987 PPS based on their current salary in 2025 at the point of retiring OR is it based on their salary at the point when they moved to the new CARE scheme in April 2022 having made the choice to have legacy scheme benefits during the remedy period of 2015 to 2022?*

18/08/2025:

3. *What is the cut off point in age terms applied to a Constable & Sergeant who is ill health retired under the 1987 Police Pension Scheme from receiving the 7/60th enhanced ill health benefit?*
4. *What is the cut off point in age terms applied to an Inspector who is ill health retired under the 1987 Police Pension Scheme from receiving the 7/60th enhanced ill health benefit?*

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police (GMP) to locate information relevant to your request. I can confirm that the information you have requested is held by GMP.

However, GMP does not hold the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format. Our police officer pension service provider has informed us that their systems only show the total service at retirement. To provide the data requested about enhancements in questions 3 and 4 would involve a manual search of all ill-health retirement records to identify the ill-health enhancement.

The service provider anticipates that to manually review these records would take over 18 hours, as some are scanned documents and some are paper records. 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.

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 keep this within the fees limit, the information that you are requesting will need to be reduced to a greatly reduced time period. 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