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Our ref: FOI/25/015361/O

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/25/015361/O

I write in connection with your request for information dated 18/08/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

FOI Request - Archival Files Relating to [REDACTED] (1980s)
Dear FOI Team, Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I am requesting access to any archived records, case files, internal reports, or correspondence held by Greater Manchester Police relating to [REDACTED] particularly in connection with:
**** Her arrest and detention at [REDACTED] Police Station in April 1984***

- * Allegations of sexual assault involving GMP officers***
- * Any subsequent investigations, disciplinary proceedings, or legal actions***
- * Internal communications or reports from 1984-1986 referencing her case I am specifically seeking physical or scanned copies of original documents from the 1980s, including:***
 - * Custody records***
 - * Officer statements***
 - Evidence submitted to court***
 - Communication between GMP and Magistrate [REDACTED].***
 - * Internal memos or reports***
 - * Any correspondence with external bodies (e.g. CPS, IPCC, Home Office) If any documents have been transferred to archives or external repositories, please advise where they are held and how they can be accessed. I understand that some material may be subject to exemptions, but I request that the public interest test be applied and that redacted versions be provided where possible.***

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police (GMP) to locate the requested information. However, GMP cannot confirm if it holds all the information that you have requested without conducting a thorough search on your behalf.

Due to the data being historic, GMP would be required to undertake a substantial review to see if we hold the information relating to your request. The search/review would involve a manual trawl through all historic records on various systems and all archived paper records to establish if any data is held relating to this request. Due to level of work required, to confirm whether any information is held would take over 18 hours.

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.

However, in accordance with Section 16(1) – the duty to provide advice and assistance – of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, 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.

Should you wish to refine and resubmit your request in line with the advice above please respond to freedomofinformation@gmp.police.uk.