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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/016533/P

I write in connection with your request for information dated 09/03/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Thank you for your previous correspondence. In order to assist and to ensure the request falls within the cost limit, I would like to refine my request as follows:

REFINED REQUEST

Please provide summary statistical data only for the location:

Cygnets Bury Hudson

Buller Street (off Bolton Road)

Bury

BL8 2BS

For the period:

1 January 2020 – 31 December 2024

(If 2025 data is available without exceeding the cost limit, please include it.)

1. Total Incident Count

The total number of police-recorded incidents linked to this location, broken down by calendar year.

(For example: 2020 – X incidents; 2021 – X incidents, etc.)

2. Broad Incident Categories

For each year, please provide the number of incidents by broad category, using the categories already applied in your force's incident recording system.

(I am not requesting incident-level detail or narrative.)

3. Missing/Absconded Persons

The number of incidents per year relating to:

- missing persons from the facility*

- *absconded patients*
(Again, summary numbers only.)

4. Outcomes – High Level Only

For the same period, please provide summary totals of incidents that resulted in:

- *an arrest (number of incidents with at least one arrest)*
- *a charge*

I am not requesting information about convictions.

5. Off Site Incidents

If held, please provide the annual count of off site incidents involving individuals linked to the facility (patients or residents), where the location is recorded in the incident log.

6. Partnership Agreements (If Held)

Please confirm whether GMP holds any formal partnership agreements, MOUs, protocols, or similar documents relating specifically to GMP's relationship with Cygnet Bury Hudson.

If any exist, please provide the title and date of each document only.

(I am not requesting copies unless easily retrievable.)

Confirmation

If any of the above cannot be provided due to cost constraints, please supply partial data where possible, rather than refusing the entire request.

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police (GMP) to locate information relevant to your request. However, 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 incidents that occurred in the BL8 2BS postcode. There are several Cygnet facilities in this postcode. To determine which occurred at Hudson would require a manual review of all incidents to see if the specific Cygnet facility is recorded on the incident record.

A search of HR records show that for just the last six years there are 179 officers who have retired due to ill health. At a very conservative estimate of 20 minutes to locate, retrieve and review each file it would take approximately 60 hours to ascertain the data required, and that would only be for the last six years, not 10.

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. 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.

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.