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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/016566/Y

I write in connection with your request for information dated 12/03/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

In addition, under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would also like to request the following information:

- 1. The internal policy or guidance used by Greater Manchester Police when determining that a Subject Access Request is “manifestly excessive”.***
- 2. Any standard thresholds or criteria used to assess resource burden when refusing a SAR under Article 12(5).***
- 3. The internal review or escalation process available when a SAR is refused on these grounds.***

Please treat the above points as a Freedom of Information request

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police (GMP) to locate the requested information and I can confirm the information requested is not held by GMP.

1. No information held. GMP do not have any direct policy linked to this question. Instead, each request is assessed on a case by case basis following the ICO guidance.
2. No information held. Each request is reviewed on a case by case basis.
3. No information held. GMP do not have a formal written process. Under the UK GDPR and Data Protection Act 2018, there is *no legal right* to an internal review of a Subject Access Request (SAR). Organisations must *respond* to expressions of dissatisfaction or queries, but they do not have to provide an internal review or appeals process. Complaint rights and rights of escalation to the ICO are however explained on each SAR response GMP issue to a SAR applicant.