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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/016623/Q

I write in connection with your request for information dated 24/03/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

REQUEST 1:

What would you like to know?: What is the definition of an anti-social behaviour hotspot?

REQUEST 2:

What would you like to know?: Is Old Hall Lane in Whitefield, an anti-social behaviour hotspot?

REQUEST 3:

What would you like to know?: Do the Pilkington Park neighbourhood policing team carry out proactive patrols of Old Hall Lane and Philips Park Road West?

- If so, how often?***
- Are they scheduled?***
- What is the total number conducted over the past six months?***

REQUEST 4:

What would you like to know?: How many arrests have been made on Old Hall Lane, Whitefield over the past six months?

REQUEST 5:

What would you like to know?: How many stop and searches have been made on Old Hall Lane, Whitefield over the past six months?

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 some of the information requested is held by GMP.

However, GMP does not hold some of the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format.

GMP would be unable to provide a response to question 3 without carrying out an internal review to see what data we hold. The response to this question is not held in any central location for easy extraction, instead all officers would have to be contacted to see how many times they have patrolled this location either to the reports of crime in this area, or for a generic patrol of the area. This could be officers simply passing through in a vehicle or officers and neighbourhood patrols on foot. Some information may be recorded in the pocket notebooks and so we may need to extend the review to check each of these for all officers in the Bury district. In addition, the specific location of an arrest is not a searchable field on our custody recording system. The only way to establish which arrests were made in the area you are requesting about would be to manually review each arrest record. A search of our arrest records shows that there were 1581 arrests in the Bury district in the last 6 months as per your request. Under the circumstances I am confident that to locate, retrieve and extract the information you seek would by far exceed the time obligations upon this authority to comply, and in doing so would exceed the fees limits.

Therefore, as per **Section 12(1)** of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the cost of providing you with the information is 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 attempt to keep this within the fees limit, the information you are requesting will need revising with the removal of question 3 in any requested form.

With any request that requires a manual review there is always a chance of a request being refused under S12 due to the enormity of work that is usually needed to provide the data, therefore 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.

PLEASE NOTE - We have received multiple requests all of the same nature on the above matters, all of which have been responded to in the same way. Due to the most recent response above mirroring this, any further requests of this nature will be refused under Section 14(1) of the Act, which states that requests that are considered to be vexatious do not have to be complied with.