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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/016648/Z

I write in connection with your request for information dated 31/03/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

In the 2025 calendar year how many juveniles (children aged 10-17 inclusive) did you arrest who had already been arrested at least 49 previous times by your force in their past? For each individual please state (i) the total number of times they have been arrested by your force, (ii) their age when first arrested, (iii) their age when last arrested and (iv) a breakdown of the offences for which they were arrested.

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 held by GMP.

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

There were 4125 juveniles arrested in 2025. On arrest, we do not record whether an individual has previously been arrested, therefore, due to how this information is recorded it will require a manual review of each nominal's history to identify how many of these results match this FOI. A review of this many results would take in the region of 343hrs to provide a response, this is assuming 5 minutes for each review is enough time to locate and extract the data.

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 a reduced time frame. 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.