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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/016061/J

I write in connection with your request for information dated 29/12/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please provide the following information for the most recent financial year available:

- 1. The total budget allocated for overtime.***
- 2. The total amount spent on overtime.***
- 3. Of the overtime expenditure, how much was used for non-criminal functions (e.g., searching for non-criminal missing persons)?***
If possible, please provide figures broken down by category or activity.

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 some of the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format.

To provide a full response to question 3 of this FOI would require a manual review of every individual piece of overtime that has been approved. This is because our finance system does not have a way to easily identify what each piece of overtime solely relates to. Under "other" within GMP overtime expenditure, this covers a wide range of areas across GMP that we could not directly say is not connected to non-criminal activities. The total spend on overtime for the 2024/25 financial year was **£25,847,575.30**. Under the circumstances due to the number of records to trawl through, 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. However, 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.