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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/016086/N

I write in connection with your request for information dated 02/01/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding police-recorded drug and safety incidents related to the Parklife Festival held at Heaton Park (Sat-Sun) 2nd weekend in June. 2022-2025 inclusive.

1. Drug-Related Incidents:

- A. Number of drug-related arrests made**
- B. Types and quantities of substances seized**
- C. Number of individuals issued cautions or referred to diversion schemes**

2. Spiking and Safeguarding Reports:

- A. Number of spiking incidents reported to your force during or immediately after the event**
- B. Number of assault or safeguarding concerns connected to substance use**
- C. Any trends or intelligence reports relevant to attendee safety at the event**

3. Fatalities and Serious Incidents:

- A. Any recorded deaths or near-fatal overdoses related to the event**
- B. Recorded incidents requiring urgent multi-agency response We are happy to accept summary or aggregated data**

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.

GMP would be unable to respond in full to this FOI without carrying out a manual review across all the crimes related to this request in order to supply data for question 1C. Due to how the recorded information is held within our systems, we would not be able to break down this part of the request without going into each record and manually extracting the data from each crime. From 2022-2025 there have been 151 arrests and at rate of approximately 10 minutes per each review, this FOI would take in the region of 25hrs for this part only.

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 1C or 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.

Although excess costs remove GMP's obligations under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, as a gesture of goodwill I have supplied some information relative to your request that was retrieved before it was realised that the fees limit would be exceed (see below information). I hope that this is of use to you, but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fee's regulations for the remainder of your request.

1. Between 2022 and 2025 there have been – 151 arrests
- 1b. From an arrest or search – GMP seized Class A/B/C substances – Between 2022 to 2025
2. A - 2 reports to GMP over the period 2022 to 2025
B – None disclosed to GMP
3. A – None
B - None