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Our ref: 01/FOI/26/016245/K

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/016245/K**

I write in connection with your request for information dated 23/02/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

*Please could I refine this FOI request to limit the timeframe to the past two years for Q1 and Q2?*

**ORIGINAL REQUEST**

*I am seeking information about vetting outcomes, continued employment, and related correspondence within your police force.*

*> Please provide the following information for the most recent ten full calendar years:*

*> 1. The number of individuals who applied for a role within the force (including police officer, police staff, PCSOs, or specials) and failed to meet the required vetting standards for that role, but who:*

*> o remained employed by the force in a different role, or*

*> o were subsequently appointed to a different role within the force that required a different level of vetting.*

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*> 2. Where available, a breakdown of the figures in question 1 by:*

*> o the role originally applied for,*

*> o the role in which the individual remained or was later employed,*

*> o whether the vetting failure related to recruitment vetting, management vetting, or another vetting category.*

**Result of Searches**

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police (GMP) to locate information relevant to your request. I can confirm that the information you have requested is held by GMP.

However, GMP does not hold the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format. To provide a response to questions 1 and 2, even with the reduced timeframe would still require a manual check of every individual held on our vetting system. As such, it is anticipated it would take more than 18 hours to provide the requested information.

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.

However, in accordance with Section 16(1) – the duty to provide advice and assistance – of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, Greater Manchester Police will be unable able to provide advice for you to reduce the request in order for the force to keep this within the fees limit, as even with a further reduction of timeframe a manual review would still be required of each individual record held on our vetting system.

Should you wish to refine and resubmit your request in line with the advice above please respond to [freedomofinformation@gmp.police.uk](mailto:freedomofinformation@gmp.police.uk)