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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/016320/E

I write in connection with your request for information dated 05/02/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Please could I ask for the data GMP holds on matchday attendances at the Etihad Stadium for Manchester City Football Club, going back til 2008 if possible?

Similar to the figures as referenced here for Manchester United a while back:

[https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.manchestereveningnews.co.uk%2Fnews%2Fgreater-manchester-news%2Frevealed-manchester-uniteds-old-trafford-](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.manchestereveningnews.co.uk%2Fnews%2Fgreater-manchester-news%2Frevealed-manchester-uniteds-old-trafford-2592078&data=05%7C02%7CFreedomOfInformation%40gmp.police.uk%7Ca4783f4bda6f43c1b40a08de64d23688%7Cdc8a542c40d46ab8f73e6023f45c7c5%7C0%7C0%7C639059051289257240%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIlwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMilslkFOljoitWFlpbCIsIlIdUljoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=sIsW15M0oQ8mKtDAnbWnRv9GKRR5KCwFdguqCFIf5zg%3D&reserved=0)

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

GMP are advised of the Publicised attendance at MCFC fixtures, and this is the detail recorded on the post-match reports. However, to provide the number of fans in attendance for each Manchester City Football Club would require a manual review of each match report from 2008 to present to obtain the actual figure. This is because the recorded information is not held in any central location, and the match day reports would be the only way to obtain such figures. With a minimum of 19 home games

per season, from 2008 there would be at least 323 reports to review, and at 5 minutes per record, this would take in the region of 26hrs.

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.