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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/016113/Z

I write in connection with your request for information dated 07/01/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

PACE Code C, paragraph 7.5 states that "a record shall be made...of any communications with UKVI about a detainee's claim to be a refugee or to be seeking asylum and the resulting action taken by police."

- 1. Can you please tell me - for the years 2025 and 2024 (or just 2025 if doing both years would exceed the cost limit) the number of individuals who had such a record made about them whilst in the detention of the police force.***
- 2. It would also be appreciated, again only if possible within cost limits, if you could provide a breakdown of the primary arrest offence for these individuals.***

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.

For GMP to be able to provide a response to this request it will require a substantial manual review of each custody record for the year/s requested. Our systems do not record the level of information in a way that can be easily extracted without reviewing each record. As such to manually trawl through the number of custody files even over a 1 month period would exceed the limitations set out in the FOIA.

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.

In this instance, due to the number of custody file across any time frame, Greater Manchester Police will be unable to provide advice for you to reduce the request in order for the force to keep this within the fees limit in accordance with Section 16(1), the duty to provide advice and assistance, of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.