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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/016299/Y

I write in connection with your request for information dated 03/02/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

- 1. A list of the five legal cases which cost your force the largest amount between 2022 and 2025. Please only include legal cases which had concluded within that period. For each legal case, please include the total cost, as well as the name of the legal case (e.g., R v Greater Manchester Chief Constable), and any publicly available case reference numbers.**
- 2. For each legal case, please provide me with as detailed a description as possible of where the costs stemmed from (e.g., legal advise, damages, etc.).**

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.

GMP do not hold the information to complete this FOI in any central location for easy extraction. The only way a response could be provided is by GMPs legal teams carrying out a large review manually of over approximately 22,000 cases from 2022-2025. This would be needed to verify the financial value where not all closed cases will have financial values saved. Information to support this request will also be held across many of GMP's departments such as finance and as such this would be the only route available in order to provide any accurate data.

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, 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.