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Our ref: 01/FOI/26/016311/D

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/016311/D

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

1/ Have any ACCs, Chief Superintendents or Superintendents ever had their vetting declined or failed (I am not sure what the term is)

2/ I do not seek any personal Information such as names etc just the ranks.

3/ If possible the numbers in the last 10 years

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 would not be able to respond to this request without carrying out a substantial review manually for all individuals held on our systems. This is because we do not record a vetting applicant by their rank on our vetting system in any central location and so we would have to cross reference with our HR unit/systems to match up the rank with the right applicant. Only when the vetting is carried out is this information known for each individual due the pre checks carried out. This would far exceed the 18hrs permitted to provide a response.

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 size of the review over 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.