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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/017032/D

I write in connection with your request for information dated 08/06/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Please provide the following information for the period 1 June 2023 to 1 June 2026, broken down by calendar month.

For each month, please provide the number of recorded notifiable offences within the Greater Manchester Police force area where the offence was recorded, flagged, tagged, or otherwise marked in Greater Manchester Police systems as being linked to any of the following:

*Triad activity;
Chinese organised crime groups;
East or Southeast Asian organised crime groups, where this is the closest available searchable category.*

For each month, please provide the total number of such recorded offences.

Where possible, please also provide a breakdown by broad offence group rather than individual offence codes.

I am seeking aggregate statistical data only. I am not requesting names, addresses, intelligence reports, operational tactics, source material, investigation details, suspect details, victim details, details of live operations, or any case-level information.

If "Triad activity" is not used as a searchable flag, tag, marker, or category in Greater Manchester Police systems, please confirm this and provide the closest available aggregate data using any relevant searchable category, such as Chinese organised crime groups,

East/Southeast Asian organised crime groups, organised crime group affiliation, or any other relevant organised-crime marker.

If monthly data combined with offence-group breakdown would exceed the cost limit or engage an exemption, please provide monthly totals only.

If monthly totals cannot be provided, please provide the data in six-month periods.

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. We do not have a flag on our crime recording system for crimes linked to Triads or Chinese Organised Crime Groups. To provide the data requested would involve a manual search of all crimes where keywords appear.

A search of crime records shows that there are 5,655. At a very conservative estimate of 20 minutes to locate, retrieve and review each file it would take approximately 471 hours to ascertain the data required.

Therefore, to comply with the whole of your request the process would take over 18 hours' work which exceeds the appropriate limit of £450.00, the amount to which we are legally required to respond.

As per section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the cost of providing you with the information is therefore 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. If one part of the request engages a Section 12 response, the whole request will engage a Section 12 response. The reason being is locating, retrieving and extracting any further information would only add to the already exceeded time obligations and so no other searches have been completed at this stage.

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 keep this within the fees limit, the information that you are requesting will need to be reduced to a greatly reduced time period. 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.