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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/017051/G

I write in connection with your request for information dated 10/06/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

If not all questions can be answered within the time limit, please answer the questions in order until the limit is reached. If questions 2 and 3 cannot be answered within the time limit, please skip them and move onto question 4.

1. On how many occasions has your force issued a Notice of Impending Prosecution (NIP) in the following financial years?

- i) 2021/22
- ii) 2022/23
- iii) 2023/24
- iv) 2024/25
- v) 2025/26

2. How many properties in your area are currently suspected as being "Notice of Impending Prosecution (NIP) Farms"?

A NIP farm is an organised scheme where individuals or groups take payment in order to help individuals avoid motoring offences.

3. How many of these properties in question 2 are suspected by police to be the subject of cuckooing?

4. How many properties have been named on 20 or more separate occasions as the driver's address by someone in receipt of a Notice of Impending Prosecution between 1 April 2021 and 31 March 2026?

5. *How many properties have been named on 50 or more separate occasions as the driver's address by someone in receipt of a Notice of Impending Prosecution between 1 April 2021 and 31 March 2026?*

6. *How many properties have been named on 100 or more separate occasions as the driver's address by someone in receipt of a Notice of Impending Prosecution between 1 April 2021 and 31 March 2026?*

7. *What is the most amount of times a single property has been named as the driver's address by someone in receipt of a Notice of Impending Prosecution between 1 April 2021 and 31 March 2026?*

8. *How many people have been charged in connection with operating a suspected NIP farm in each of the following financial years. Please provide details of which offence(s) they were charged under.*

- i) 2021/22
- ii) 2022/23
- iii) 2023/24
- iv) 2024/25
- v) 2025/26

9. *How many people have been charged on suspicion of using NIP farms to avoid prosecution in each of the following financial years. Please provide details of which offence(s) they were charged under.*

- i) 2021/22
- ii) 2022/23
- iii) 2023/24
- iv) 2024/25
- v) 2025/26

10. *How many of the people in question 8 were prosecuted. Please break down the figures by the following financial years:*

- i) 2021/22
- ii) 2022/23
- iii) 2023/24
- iv) 2024/25
- v) 2025/26

11. *How many of the people in question 9 were prosecuted. Please break down the figures by the following financial years:*

- i) 2021/22
- ii) 2022/23
- iii) 2023/24
- iv) 2024/25
- v) 2025/26

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. To provide the data requested in questions 2 and 3 would involve a manual search of entries on our intelligence system to identify intelligence linked to Notices of Intended Prosecution, and a further manual review of the results to establish if cuckooing was a factor. 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.

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