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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/017073/M

I write in connection with your request for information dated 15/06/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Is it possible to have a list of all the Section 60 and separately, 60AA searches that were undertaken by GM police in the period 2021-2025.

Can they be listed by

Reason (i.e. crime type committed or anticipated) Period of occurrence (date to and from) Area in Manchester covered (using standard definitions like ward or MSOA or local authority or borough) Number of people searched over 18, and under 18yrs

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 separate category for stop searches under Section 60AA of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act. To provide the data requested would involve a manual search of all stop and searches made under Section 60, to establish which of those were under Section 60AA.

A search of stop and search records shows that there are 4,636 stop and search records that would have to be manually reviewed. At a very conservative estimate of 5 minutes to locate, retrieve and review each file it would take approximately 386 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.