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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/016307/H

I write in connection with your request for information dated 04/02/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I am writing to request information pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please provide details of any work-related visits, inspections, or attendances carried out by officers or staff of Greater Manchester Police (GMP) at the brothel known as [REDACTED] (or any other previous name) located at [REDACTED], during the period 1 January 2006 up to and including 1 January 2026.

In particular, I request the following information:

1. *The total number of work-related visits, inspections, or attendances made by GMP to the above premises during this period.*
2. *For each such visit or attendance:*
 - (A) *The date of the visit*
 - (B) *The reason or purpose of the visit*
 - (C) *The number and gender make-up of the officers attending each visit eg 3 officers, 2 female, 1 male*
 - (D) *The outcome of each visit (eg no further action, fine, arrest)*
3. *Confirmation of the number of occasions between 1 January 2006 and 1 January 2026 inclusive on which GMP officers have made an arrest at the above premises for the serious crime of keeping, managing or acting/assisting in the management of a brothel under Section 33A of the Sexual Offences Act 1956 (SOA 1956) (maximum sentence seven years' imprisonment).*

4. For each such arrest:
 - (A) The date of the arrest
 - (B) The outcome (eg, charge, no further action).
5. If no arrests have been made at the above premises under Section 33A of the SOA 1956 during this period, please confirm this and provide an explanation as to why no such arrests have occurred.
6. Please confirm the number of occasions between 1 January 2006 and 1 January 2026 inclusive that GMP officers have arrested the landlord/relevant agent of [REDACTED] under Section 34 of the SOA 1956 which makes it a criminal offence for "a landlord of any premises or his agent to let the whole or part of the premises with the knowledge that it is to be used, in whole or in part, as a brothel, or, where the whole or part of the premises is used as a brothel to be wilfully a party to that use continuing." Please confirm the outcome of such arrests, eg a charge, conviction etc.
7. If no such arrests under Section 34 of the SOA 1956 have occurred, please provide an explanation as to why this is the case.
8. Please confirm the total number of reports/complaints from members of the public relating to the brothel known as [REDACTED] (or any previous name) in each calendar year from 2005 to 2025 inclusive. Please include in your figures any 'anonymous' reports from members of the public such as via Crimestoppers.

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.

Greater Manchester Police (GMP) does not hold the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format. To provide the data requested in questions 3, 4 and 6 would involve a manual search of all arrests that have happened in the Bury district since 2006. It is not possible to search our custody system by the specific address of the arrest.

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.