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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/016497/C

I write in connection with your request for information dated 03/03/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I would be grateful if you could provide me with the number of

- A. arrests,*
- B. charges,*
- C. prosecutions*
- D. and convictions*

For an offence under section 1 Assaults on Emergency Workers (Offences) Act 2018 that relate specifically to assaults on a police officer which occurred at a protest.

*The date range I am requesting this data for is from 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2025.
Please also provide the date of each arrest.*

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 some of the information requested is held by GMP.

However, GMP does not hold the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format.

GMP do not have a specific flag or field we can use to identify where crimes occurred at a protest. To understand if any information from this request is recorded. A manual review would be required to extract the actual data and for the time frame provided a review of over 5000 results would need to be trawled through. This would most certainly exceed the 18hrs to locate and 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.

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 attempt to keep this within the fees limit, the information you are requesting will need revising with a reduced time frame and to possibly ask for more specific data recorded under an HO offence. With any request that requires a manual review there is always a chance of a request being refused under S12 due to the enormity of work that is usually needed to provide the data, therefore 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.

Please note - GMP do not hold prosecution or conviction data as this is held by His Majesty's Courts and Tribunal Service (HMCTS). Please apply directly to HMCTS for such data.