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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/016681/A

I write in connection with your request for information dated 08/04/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I am writing to request the following information:

- 1) A breakdown of all crimes where the location of the crime is a hospital in the force area, from 2022 to the present.**
- 2) Information as to which hospital each report relates.**
- 3) In the cases of theft, an indication in each case of what items were reported to have been stolen, if possible.**
- 4) Any information on what the outcome of the investigation was (community resolution, charge, no further action, etc)**

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 the information requested is held by GMP.

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

GMP would be unable to fulfil this FOI without carrying out a manual review for questions 2 and 3. Having carried out a search on the number of crimes where "hospital" is a selected category during your timeframe, a result of 18,445 records was located. Each of the 18,445 would have to be checked to understand which hospitals each relate to as this is not a field that allows for easy extraction such as applying filters. In addition, over 2000 of these results relate to theft and each of the 2000 records would have to be checked to understand what items have reportedly been stolen. As such, due to the scale of this task this FOI would exceed the limitations laid out in the FOIA.

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 reduction of required information. For example, the number of crimes where the "hospital category" is selected along with the outcomes for each of these. A reduction to these 2 questions only may allow for disclosure.

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.