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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/016842/Z

I write in connection with your request for information dated 06/05/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I would like to request the following information for the most recent 5 financial years available:

- 1. The number of incidents recorded with a domestic abuse flag that involve explosive devices, including grenades.*
- 2. A yearly breakdown of these incidents.*
- 3. Where available, the recorded outcome (e.g. arrest, charge, no further action).*

If "grenade" is not a searchable category within your systems, please include any incidents identified through keywords (e.g. "grenade") or broader classifications such as explosive devices.

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.

For GMP to be able to provide a response to this request it will require a substantial manual review of all the recorded crimes that relate to this request over the 5 year time frame. Having completed an initial search for the last 12 months for all crimes with a DV flag, then conducted a key word search of the MO, for words such as 'grenade', 'explosive' and 'bomb'. The word 'bomb' has brought back 345 results. Due to how this data is stored a review of all 345 records plus any totals for the remaining 4 years would have to be reviewed. At a rate of 5 minutes to review each of the 345 records it would be expected that this FOI would take a minimum of 28hrs to comply with.

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. 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.