Information Access Unit
Information Management and Data Directorate

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/017497/G

I write in connection with your request for information dated 21/08/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

For each of the three calendar years 2023, 2024 and 2025:

1) The total number of threat-to-life warnings (also known as Osman warnings, TTL warnings or warning notices) issued by your force.

2) Of that total, the number in which the assessed threat was recorded as originating from, or being carried out on behalf of, a foreign state.

3) A breakdown of the figure at Q2 by the state recorded.

4)Whether your force operates any flag, marker, qualifier or category on its crime or intelligence recording systems for transnational repression (or an equivalent term, such as foreign state-directed harassment, intimidation or interference against individuals in the UK). If so, please state the term used and the date it was introduced.

5) If such a flag or marker exists, the number of records carrying it in each of the three years above.

6) A copy of, or link to, any policy, guidance or training material your force holds on transnational repression.

Result of Searches

Information relating to parts 2 and 3 of your request is not held in an easily retrievable format, if it is indeed held at all. There is no centrally held record of such instances and to provide such

data would require each division, sub-division and possibly each individual officer to undertake necessary searches to establish if this has happened and if so on how many occasions

To comply with the whole of your request the process would take over 18 hours' work and therefore exceeds the appropriate limit of £450.00, 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. The only advice that GMP can give is that you specify a particular divisional area within GMP to make you request more manageable within the fees limit of the act, although this still may not be possible for even one divisional area.