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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/017783/J

I write in connection with your request for information dated 02/10/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request information regarding recorded incidents of anti-social behaviour (ASB) within the transport network.
Specifically, I am requesting data concerning ASB caused by youths at bus stations and transport interchanges across the Greater Manchester policing area during the calendar month of August 2026 (1st August 2026 to 31st August 2026 inclusive).
• Please provide the following information:
1. Total Incident Count: The total number of Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) incidents recorded by Greater Manchester Police that occurred within bus stations and transport interchanges (such as Stockport Interchange, Shudehill, Bolton, Wigan, etc.) across Greater Manchester.
2. Youth Involvement: From the total above, please filter and provide the number of incidents where the recorded subjects/offenders were classed as youths (under 18), or where the initial incident log explicitly mentions "youths", "teenagers", "juveniles", or "kids" causing the disturbance.
3. Location Breakdown: A breakdown of these youth-related ASB incidents categorised by the specific bus station or interchange where they occurred.
• Time and Category Data: For each incident identified in Point 2, please provide:
4. The date and time of the incident.
5. The specific sub-category of the ASB recorded (e.g., rowdy/inconsiderate behaviour, public order, criminal damage, nuisance).
6. Whether the police physically attended the scene & any oucomes (i.e arrests, dispersal or closed NFA) If the cost of processing this request in its entirety exceeds the limit prescribed in Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act, please advise me on how I can refine or narrow my request to fall within the statutory cost limits.
• If any of this information is already in the public domain, please direct me to it, with page references and URLs if necessary.

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 respond to this FOI in full it would first require a manual review of all the ASB incidents to ascertain which occurred at bus stations or transport interchanges. We do not record this information in any central location for easy extraction, and so this would be the only way to understand what totals we have for Q1. Only once this had been completed could we then move to answer the remaining questions. We have located over 8,000 records to review meaning this cannot be completed in under 18hrs.

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.

In this instance, while the location is a requirement, Greater Manchester Police will be unable to provide advice for you to reduce the request in order for the force to keep this within the fees limit in accordance with Section 16(1), the duty to provide advice and assistance, of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.