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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/017330/K

I write in connection with your request for information dated 28/07/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I am a freelance aviation journalist currently researching crime rates at each of the UK's airports.

As part of this investigation I was hoping you could provide me with data on the number of crimes, and number of violent crimes, recorded at Manchester Airport in each of the previous three calendar years.

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police (GMP) to locate information relevant to your request. I can confirm that the information you have requested is held by GMP.

However, GMP does not hold the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format. GMP has a Manchester Airport district that crimes can be recorded as occurring on, however this would include crimes that occurred in the vicinity of the airport, such as in hotels and car parks, not just crimes that occurred in the actual airport. To provide the data requested would involve a manual search of 4,800 crime reports to establish if they are relevant to your request. At a very conservative estimate of 5 minutes to locate, retrieve and review each file it would take approximately 400 hours to ascertain the data required. Therefore, to comply with the whole of your request the process would take over 18 hours' work which exceeds the appropriate limit of £450.00, the amount to which we are legally required to respond.

As per section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the cost of providing you with the information is therefore 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. If one part of the request engages a Section 12 response, the whole request will engage a Section 12 response. The reason being is locating, retrieving and extracting any further information would only add to the already exceeded time obligations and so no other searches have been completed at this stage.

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. For the force to keep this within the fees limit, the information that you are requesting will need to be reduced to a greatly reduced time period. 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.