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**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/017489/G**

I write in connection with your request for information dated 15/09/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

*I am writing to make a further request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, following my earlier request regarding domestic abuse cases closed under outcome code 16. For each of the last five full calendar years, that is 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025, please provide the following.*

- 1. Of the domestic abuse related crimes closed under outcome code 16 in each year, the number of those cases in which a domestic violence protection notice or a domestic violence protection order had been issued in relation to that case.*
- 2. Please confirm whether cases where a domestic violence protection notice or order was issued are recorded under the same outcome code 16 as cases closed solely because the victim did not support further police action, or whether these are distinguished in any way on your systems.*

**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. To provide the data requested would involve a manual search of all domestic violence related crimes to see if there is an associated DVPN or DVPO.

A search of our crime records shows that there are approximately 27,000 records that would have to be manually reviewed. At a very conservative estimate of 5 minutes to locate, retrieve

and review each file it would take approximately 2,250 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.