**From:** Barnie Choudhury <barniechoudhury@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** 17 December 2020 19:51  
**To:** FreedomOfInformation@gmp.police.uk <FreedomOfInformation@gmp.police.uk>; Press.Office@gmp.police.uk <Press.Office@gmp.police.uk>  
**Cc:** ICO Casework <icocasework@ico.org.uk>  
**Subject:** Fw: FOI response GSA 1150/20

Dear Rachael,

**FOI**

I cannot begin to tell you how disappointed I am by this response.

I have waited 180 working days for a response - eight months after which you should have responded.

The ICO has asked me to notify it - and you did, by one day - whether you met its 10-day target for a response.

Before I escalate to the ICO your decision here [copied in], I would ask you to think again through an internal review.

Other forces, bigger than yours - WM and the Met - with more incidents of drug related offences supplied a response at the height of covid in 20 working days maximum.

I remind you that you are also under an obligation under the FOIA to help me obtain the data and suggest ways to refine my request, so you can supply what I have asked - namely three years worth of figures.

I am also giving notice that I will be sending in a FOI on the 28 December asking for figures from 1 April 2020 to 31 December 2020.

Further to your response, please supply me with your data dictionary of the database used to keep information. That's a list of all the fields in the database (and sometimes descriptions). That will allow me to refine my FOI request.

Also, please let me know what database software you use so I can ask the manufacturer how to form a query to achieve what I need.

I remind you that you have a duty under the FOIA to help me get the information under the cost limit.

**Press office**

I am further alerting your colleagues in the press office, that I will be quoting directly from your responses, and explain the lengths to which I have gone to try to get available data.

I will be naming GMP as a force, with a substantial Asian population (1:10) [almost one in five in Manchester] which does not map or analyse its drug figures, so it is unaware of drug activity in these communities.

The story will be appearing **w/b 18 January 2021** in Eastern Eye - the UK's number 1 Asian newspaper read by cabinet ministers and influencers.

This is a formal notice of my intentions, and I am offering your force the opportunity to respond so it cannot claim that I have been unfair.

1. Why doesn't your force collect this data in the form I have requested?
2. How does it collect its data?
3. Is there an ethnic breakdown class by class of drugs?
4. What is the ethnic breakdown of all drugs, in the different classifications,  as requested in my FOI request - 1 Jan 2018-31 December 2018; 1 Jan 2019-31 December 2019; and when I send in my final FOI request 1 Jan 2020-31 December 2020?

If your press officer colleagues would like to speak to me, my mobile is below.

**Please note that I will be on leave from 4pm on 23 December and returning at 11am on 28 December.**

I would be grateful if the press office would acknowledge this email.

If I do not hear anything or a press officer has not contacted me by **5pm on 28 December 2020**, then I will presume you have no comment.

Best wishes,

Barnie

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**From:** FreedomOfInformation@gmp.police.uk <FreedomOfInformation@gmp.police.uk>  
**Sent:** 17 December 2020 18:57  
**To:** barniechoudhury@hotmail.com <barniechoudhury@hotmail.com>  
**Subject:** FOI response GSA 1150/20

Dear Barnie,

Please accept my sincerest apologies for the delays with this FOI request.

Please find attached GMP's response.

Kind regards

Rachael Bigland

Information Compliance and Records Management Unit

**From:** Barnie Choudhury [mailto:barniechoudhury@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** 14 April 2020 16:09  
**To:** Freedom of Information  
**Subject:** Drug related offences

Dear Sir or Madam,

My name if Barnie Choudhury and I’m a freelance journalist.

I am sending this request under the Freedom of Information Act to ask for the following information. It is a different and unrelated FOI request to one you are already dealing with from me.

Please would you let me know how many arrests were made by Greater Manchester Police for drug and drug related offences between 1 Jan-31 Dec 2018, 1 Jan-31 Dec 2019 and 1 Jan-31 March 2020?

I would like the figures broken down into:

1. age group e.g. 0-10; 11-17; 18-30; 31-50; 51-70; over 70s or whichever way your service breaks down the age groups.
2. gender.
3. racial/ethnicity of suspects e.g. white; Asian; African-Caribbean or whichever way your service breaks down the racial/ethnic groups.
4. The class of drug.
5. An overall estimate street value of the drugs seized or whichever way you record the value of seizures.

I would also like to know how many ended up being charged and sent to court as a result of your investigations and how many were resolved without court action. I am happy for you to supply the raw data in an excel spreadsheet which I can analyse.

I am requesting this information because I cannot find it on your website. I believe you have figures for drug offences because you report these to the Home Office in one form or another. These should be easily accessible in some format, and it will not require your going over the hours necessary where you need to charge me.

If you need any further information from me in order to deal with my request, please e-mail me at [barniechoudhury@hotmail.com](mailto:barniechoudhury@hotmail.com). I would like the information to be emailed to me at [barniechoudhury@hotmail.com](mailto:barniechoudhury@hotmail.com).   
   
If you are able to supply some of this information more quickly than other items, please supply each item as soon as it becomes available.  
   
If it is necessary for any reason to redact any information, please redact the minimum necessary and send me the rest of the document(s), explaining the legal grounds for each redaction.  
   
Under FOI guidelines you have twenty working days to answer these questions. Please acknowledge receipt of this request.  
   
If you are not the right person to deal with this request, please would you pass it to the appropriate colleague and ask them to deal with it.  
   
Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Yours faithfully,   
   
Barnie Choudhury

You can access many of our services online at [www.gmp.police.uk](https://emea01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.gmp.police.uk%2F&data=04%7C01%7C%7C7623069b61f24a4c650808d8a2bd9781%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637438283417715940%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=QbUvMczhuFsouuu%2FMgV%2F1dzgK%2Fyv7%2F7ezYmm0K0Anik%3D&reserved=0).

For emergencies only call 999, or 101 if it's a less urgent matter.

You can also connect with us on:

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*Thank you for your co-operation.*

**From:** FreedomOfInformation@gmp.police.uk   
**Sent:** 23 December 2020 14:16  
**To:** barniechoudhury  
**Subject:** Follow up response to GSA 1150/20

Dear Barnie,

Please find attached a further response to FOI request GSA 1150/20 from Chief Superintendent Phil Davies.

Kind Regards

Rachael Bigland

Information Compliance and Records Management Unit