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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/23/011813/L

I write in connection with your request for information dated 14/12/2023, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I am sending this email, as I am seeking some information from your constabulary in relation to your sports team's policies, therefore I am sending you a freedom of information request.

I am aware that some constabularies have allocated annual leave allocated to officers that represent there force when playing sports, wether that is rugby, football, cricket or golf etc.

Basically, I am trying to find out what amount of time your force, if any, is given to officers or staff that represent your force.

Please could you send me a copy of your policy (If you have one?), and redact anything out that is not necessary to my request and me.

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.

Please see an extract from the GMP Taking Time Off policy.

Time Off for: - To participate in Sporting Events

3.25 Olympics / Commonwealth Games

We may grant you paid time off to participate in the Olympics or Commonwealth games. You would need approval for this from your Borough /Branch Commander.

3.26 National and International Police Sporting Activities

Where an individual wishes to participate in national or international sporting activities organised by a recognised Police Sporting Association such as Police Sport UK and represent the Force, the individual can take up to 3 days paid leave in total per year to participate for the day or days that the sporting activity takes place. This applies to participants, coaches and referees. Leave must be supported by a manager and approved by Branch/District Senior Leadership Team (SLT) to ensure that any impact on available resources can be managed.

3.27 Force Sporting Events

There is no provision for paid time off to participate in Force sporting events that are not part of a recognised national or international event, but we may allow you to alter your duties.