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Our ref: GSA 2582/23
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Thursday, 15 June 2023

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: GSA 2582/23

I write in connection with your request for information dated 18/05/2023, I note you seek access to the following information:

Q1. How many officers currently (as of today, 18 May) work in the force's unit that deals with professional standards. I believe this would be called the Professional Standards Department or the Directorate of Professional Standards, but the unit may have a different name.

Q2. Of those, how many have been subject to disciplinary proceedings?

Q3. For each case please share the following information

- *The year of the disciplinary proceedings*
- *A summary of the allegation*
- *The outcome of the disciplinary proceeding (e.g. whether the allegation was upheld)*
- *What disciplinary action was taken, if any*

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request, searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police to locate information relevant to your request.

Response

Question 1

I can confirm that the information you have requested is held by Greater Manchester Police.

Caveats

The data provided for this question is what the system currently hold.

- We do not hold Strength data for the requested date. We report on Strength on a monthly basis.

- The figure has not accounted for any abstractions (sickness, maternity, paternity, annual leave etc).

Answer - Headcount of Police Officers posted to Professional Standards Branch as of 30th April 2023 was 59 – extracted from Force Strength and excludes externally seconded officers and career break officers.

Questions 2 & 3

Greater Manchester Police can neither confirm nor deny whether it holds the information that you requested for Questions 2 and 3 as the duty in Section 1(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act) does not apply by virtue of the following exemption:

Section 40(5) – Personal Information

To confirm that any information is held or not, could confirm personal data. In some circumstances confirming or denying whether information is held could itself indirectly identify a living individual and would therefore breach the principles of the GDPR and the Data Protection Act 2018.

Personal data is defined by Article 4 of the GDPR and Part 1 of the Data Protection Act 2018 and means any information relating to an identified or identifiable natural person ('data subject'). An identified natural person is one who can be identified directly or indirectly from that data.

This use of neither confirm nor deny should not be taken as proof that such information does or does not exist.

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