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Our ref: 01/FOI/23/011240/W

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/23/011240/W

I write in connection with your request for information dated 23/08/2023, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

For a special report, I was wondering if you would be able to provide us numbers of how many UFO sightings have been reported over a five-year period (From 1st January, 2019 to 23 August 2023)?

Is there more information on what these were and which town they reported from? Please also give us dates if possible.

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.

However, I am not obliged to supply the information you have requested as exemptions apply.

When refusing to provide such information because an exemption applies, Section 17(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires GMP, to provide you - the applicant - with a notice which: (a) states that fact, (b) specifies the exemption in question and (c) states (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies.

The requested information is exempt under **section 21 – Information accessible to applicant by other means**. The response to this request is available online. Please follow the links below.

<https://www.gmp.police.uk/SysSiteAssets/foi-media/greater-manchester/disclosure-2023/august/01.foi.23.011073.z-ufos.pdf>