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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/24/012388/O

I write in connection with your request for information dated 31/03/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

- 1 : The Total Number of Special Constables in your organisation on 31/03/2024 using Self-Defined Ethnicity – 18+1 standard.**
- 2 : How many Specials hold Independent Patrol Status (IPS) under IP4SC, or how many hold Qualified Special Constable (QSC) status if the force uses SCLP/PEQF on 31/03/2024.**
- 3 : The number of Male and Female Specials holding Special Sergeant Grade on 31/03/2024 using Self-Defined Ethnicity – 18+1 standard.**
- 4 : The number of Male and Female Specials holding Special Inspector Grade on 31/03/2024 using Self-Defined Ethnicity – 18+1 standard.**
- 5 : The number of Male and Female Specials holding grade of Special Chief Inspector or above if the grades are used on 31/03/2024 using Self-Defined Ethnicity – 18+1 standard.**

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 provide all the information requested as exemption applies.

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires Greater Manchester Police, when refusing to provide such information (because this information is exempt) 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.

Section 40(2) is an absolute exemption with no requirement to complete a public interest test.

Due to the low numbers the ethnicity breakdown in question 3, 4 and 5 has been exempted from disclosure under Section 40(2) Personal Information – this information constitutes personal data of an

identifiable living individual, and to disclose this information would breach the principles of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018. Personal data is defined by Section 1 of the Data Protection Act 2018 and means data that relates to an individual who can be identified directly or indirectly from that data.

Question 1

Ethnicity	Total No of Specials
Chinese	1
Other Ethnic Group	0
Asian or Asian British: Indian	1
Asian or Asian British: Pakistani	3
Asian or Asian British: Bangladeshi	0
Asian or Asian British: Other	1
Black or Black British: Caribbean	1
Black or Black British: African	0
Black or Black British: Other	0
Mixed: White & Black Caribbean	2
Mixed: White & Black African	0
Mixed: White & Asian	1
Mixed: Other	0
Not Stated	26
White: British	53
White: Irish	0
White: Other	3
Prefer not to say	100
Total No of Specials	192

Question 2

Qualification Status	Total No of Specials
Independent Patrol	128
Non-Independent Patrol	64
Total No of specials	192

Question 3

Gender	Total
Female	36
Male	127
Not Selected	12

Question 4

Gender	Total
Female	-
Male	12
Not Selected	-

Question 5

Gender	Total
Female	1
Male	4