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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/012482/L

I write in connection with your request for information dated 15/04/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

- 1. The officers names dealing with this investigation.***
- 2. The communication with Andy Burnham***
- 3. Is Andy Burnham involved or controlling this matter?***
- 4. All reports made to the police of both Angela Reyner and Andy Burnham.***
- 5. A copy of the complaint made to Manchester Police regarding Angela Reyner.***
- 6. Information on your PCC on how he deals with corrupt and compromised MPs and others in office, I believe that is Andy Burnham.***

This is in the interest of the public and if I feel your response is not accurate, action will be taken.

The public are aware of the fraud, we demand those be held accountable.

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 all of the information held as an exemption applies. Questions 1-5 of this request are exempt from disclosure by virtue of the following exemption:

Section 30(1)(a)(b)(c) – Investigations and Proceedings Conducted by Public Authorities.

Section 30 is a class based qualified exemption; there is a requirement to carry out a public interest test, which can be seen below.

Section 30 - Factors Favouring Disclosure

To disclose details of the ongoing investigation of Angela Rayner into the public domain, would show GMP's accountability, and satisfy the public, that investigations into such incidents are being conducted correctly. It would also show GMP's use of public funds in apprehending suspects of crimes.

Section 30 - Factors Favouring Non-Disclosure

Conversely to the factors in favour of disclosure, to publicly release the data that is related to investigations that remain open may seriously undermine GMP's ability to complete those investigations to a full and correct conclusion. While this particular investigation might be seen as high profile by some, to disclose any details may still hinder the process needed to be followed.

Balancing Test

When balancing the public interest test GMP must consider whether the information should be released into the public domain, therefore arguments need to be weighed against each other. The most persuasive reason for disclosing the information would be the fact that disclosure would encourage transparency. This needs to be weighed against the strongest reason for non-disclosure, which in this case is the impact on GMP's ability to complete investigations to a full and correct conclusion. Therefore, having considered all the factors for and against disclosure it is the decision at this time to maintain the above exemption and withhold the information from disclosure.

Remaining results.

Question 6 – GMP hold no information on this. Please refer this question to the Greater Manchester Combined Authority.