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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/013731/N

I write in connection with your request for information dated 27/11/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I am writing with a request for information concerning a death in police custody.

I understand from data provided to me by the Home Office that a Somalian asylum seeker, thought to be a male aged 29, died while in police custody on or around 9th October 2023.

My questions are as follows:

- 1) Did the force record a death/deaths in its custody in September or October 2023?*
- 2) If yes, what was the name of the deceased/deceased persons?*
- 3) Was a referral(s) made to the IOPC and on what date(s) was this made? Please also provide me with any relevant reference number(s) that would help me identify this case/these cases in subsequent correspondence with the IOPC.*
- 4) Was a file/files prepared for the coroner, what was the name of the relevant coroner's court(s), and on what date(s) was this passed to the coroner?*

Please ensure this information is provided for each death recorded in September and October 2023.

I would also kindly remind you that information regarding deceased people does not constitute personal information under the terms of GDPR, and the Section 40 exemption of the FOI act would not apply in this instance. I would also point out that while I am aware the IOPC publishes some limited information on deaths in police custody in an annual publication, it does not publish the specific information I have requested here.

I draw your attention to the following from the ICO, which can be found on page 9 of the guidance entitled 'Information intended for future publication and research information

(sections 22 and 22A)

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"A general intention to publish some information will not suffice. It is not enough for the public authority to note that it will identify some, but not all, of the information within the scope of the request for future publication.

"The information that the public authority intends to be published must be the specific information the applicant has requested."

The Section 22/22A exemptions would therefore not be applicable to this request.

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 not held by GMP.