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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/012273/E

I write in connection with your request for information dated 06/03/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I would like to know everything that there is to know about the Serious and Organized Crime Unit within the Criminal Investigation Department. That includes the every type of crime that it deals. I would like to also know what the SOCU does in regards to other crimes and how detectives within the SOCU have crimes provided to them to investigate.

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.

This request 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.greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk/what-we-do/police-and-fire/programme-challenger/>

[Programme Challenger | Greater Manchester Police \(gmp.police.uk\)](https://www.greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk/what-we-do/police-and-fire/programme-challenger/)

<https://www.rocu.police.uk/>