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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/012796/A

I write in connection with your request for information dated 14/06/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Can I get a police incident report about the closure of the M60 in the early hours of the morning on the 2nd of June 2024.

I also note your clarification dated 04/07/2024:

On Sunday the 2nd of June my husband and I were travelling to Manchester Airport in a taxi, we got onto the M60 at junction 18 Simister Island traveling clockwise, at approximately 5 am the police stopped the traffic and closed the motorway for approximately 2 hours. We were told that the delay was caused by a person who had jumped off a bridge over the motorway. We do not know the location of this bridge. This delay caused us to miss our flight and our first nights accommodation in Spain.

I am asking for the information so that I can make a claim on my travel insurance. The insurance company require a police statement.

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police (GMP) to locate information relevant to your request. I can confirm that the information you have requested is held by GMP. However, I am not obliged to supply you with the information as an 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. The information you have requested is exempt from disclosure by virtue of the following exemption: **Section 40(2) – Personal Information.**

Where Section 40 has been used, this represents information that identifies a living individual, to disclose this information would breach the principles of the GDPR and the Data Protection Act 2018. Personal data is defined by Article 4 of the GDPR and Part 1 of the Data Protection Act 2018 and means any information relating to an identified or identifiable natural person ('data subject'). An identified natural person is one who can be identified directly or indirectly from that data.

A Freedom of Information Act request is not a private transaction. Both the request itself and any information disclosed, are considered suitable for open publication. This is because under the Act, any information disclosed is released into the wider public domain, effectively to the world, not just to an individual. As such, it is not possible to provide the information requested under the Freedom of Information Act. To obtain a statement to support an insurance claim, you or your insurer will need to contact Greater Manchester Police's Legal Services Branch. To do this, please write to:

The Property and Disclosure Team,
Legal Services Department,
Greater Manchester Police,
Openshaw Complex,
Lawton Street,
Manchester,
M11 2NS

In accordance with the Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, this letter acts as a Refusal Notice.