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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/24/012899/G

I write in connection with your request for information dated 06/07/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request the following information from your organisation:

A full list of the Chief Constables to have led your force from 2005 to present. This should include (1) their names, (2) their tenure - the month and year they were appointed as Chief Constable and the month and year they left the Chief Constable role, (3) their gender, (4) their ethnicity (where available), and (4) whether they were a substantive or acting chief constable.

To be clear, please do include any individuals who served as an acting or temporary chief constable in this period, noting that they were in an 'acting' role.

Please note that public bodies have previously provided exactly this kind of information in response to legitimate FOI requests. This includes the MOD Police publishing a list of their former Chief Constables with their dates in post (see: https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fassets.publishing.service.gov.uk%2Fmedia%2F5fe478aee90e071204fcc303%2F20200901-Redacted_reply_to_09641_re_MDP_Chief_Constables-O.pdf&data=05%7C02%7CFreedomOfInformation%40gmp.police.uk%7C6e367985ddfc47d5b0e108dc9dc0ae49%7Cdc8a542c40d46ab8f73e6023f45c7c5%7C0%7C0%7C638558698204489178%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljoIMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6IkhWw iLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=aMEfGQmh5ALM7rRLJWlqkAaE5igOtWJifAel6CYdSa8%3D&reserved=0 and Avon and Somerset Police publishing the names and tenures of its former substantive and temporary DCCs and ACCs (see here <https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.avonandsomerset.police.uk%2Fabout%2Ffreedom-of-information%2Fprevious-foi-requests%2Frequests%2Fdeputy-and-assistant-chief-constables-2009->

[2021%2F&data=05%7C02%7CFreedomOfInformation%40gmp.police.uk%7C6e367985ddfc47d5b0e108dc9dc0ae49%7Cdc8a542c40d46ab8f73e6023f45c7c5%7C0%7C0%7C638558698204498435%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljojMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6IklhaWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=%2FVdZt9qIJkKKb55MZAcosMzBhvzq23Rn P6V1K6GltN4%3D&reserved=0.\)](#)

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.

A full list of the Chief Constables to have led the force from 2005 to present.

Name	Ethnic Origin	Sex	Start Date	End Date	Tenure
Michael Todd	White	Male	Oct 2002	Mar 2008	Substantive
David Whatton	White	Male	Mar 2008	Aug 2008	Acting
Peter Fahy	White	Male	Sep 2008	Oct 2015	Substantive
Ian Hopkins	White	Male	Nov 2015	May 2021	Substantive
Stephen Watson	White	Male	May 2021	Current	Substantive