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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/24/012948/Y

I write in connection with your request for information dated 16/07/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Q1 Does this Police Force have a stalking strategy, or similar?

Q1a If so, has the strategy been influenced by any high-profile stalking cases?

Q2 How many Stalking Protection Order applications were made in 2023 by this Police Force?

Q3 Of the Stalking Protection Order applications during 2023, how many resulted in a Stalking Protection Order/ Interim Stalking Protection Order?

Q4 Does the Police Force have a 'stalking coordinator' or similar?

Q5 Does the Police Force have a 'stalking clinic' or similar, such as a multi-agency meeting where stalking cases are discussed?

Q6 If the force has a stalking clinic/similar, which other agencies are involved?

NHS Trust/Health professionals – please specify Probation Services Local Authority/social services Victim liaison/victim aid If the force has a stalking clinic/similar, how is it funded? If there is a stalking clinic in place, are there any face-to-face assessments or treatments offered to defendants/perpetrators, through health professionals? If so, please specify.

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 provide the information requested as 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.

Section 40 is an absolute exemption with no requirement to complete a public interest test.

Due to the low numbers returned question 2 and 3 has been exempted from disclosure under Section 40(2) Personal Information – this information constitutes personal data of an identifiable living individual, and to disclose this information would breach the principles of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018. Personal data is defined by Section 1 of the Data Protection Act 2018 and means data that relates to an individual who can be identified directly or indirectly from that data.

Response to Remaining Questions

Question 1 – Yes – GMP have a Stalking Delivery Plan.

Question 1a – No.

Question 2 – Exempt Section 40.

Question 3 – Exempt Section 40.

Question 4 – Yes, GMP have recently created a dedicated Stalking Triage Centre.

Question 5 – Not currently.

Question 6 – GMP work alongside partner agencies such as GMCA, Legal Services, Paladin, and Parkhurst Trust.