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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/24/012867/Y

I write in connection with your request for information dated 01/07/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

id like to know the criteria that greater manchester polices professional standards branch use to decide what reviewing body they should refer the complaint too. such as the difference in complaints which are sent to the IOPC vs GMCA.

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 as exemption applies.

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.

The requested information is exempt under **Section 21 – Information accessible to applicant by other means**. The information referred to is already available in the Public Domain. Please follow the link below.

The relevant body decision is set out by the IOPC in the Statutory Guidance issued to all police forces. Please following the below link:

[Statutory guidance - 2020 | Independent Office for Police Conduct \(IOPC\)](#)

Please note – ‘**Chapter 18 Reviews**’ of the document is relevant to this request.