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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/012286/J

I write in connection with your request for information dated 08/03/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

1. *Do Greater Manchester Police have any warranted police officers who are seconded to the National Board of the Police Federation of England and Wales (PFEW)?*
2. *If yes, please list their rank, length of service with Greater Manchester Police and how long they have been seconded with PFEW on the National Board (to include any previous variations of the National Board).*
3. *Please confirm who pays the salary of those officers.*
4.
 - a. *If the salaries are paid for by Greater Manchester Police, does Greater Manchester Police recharge PFEW for this? If yes, is this the whole amount or a percentage?*
 - b. *Please detail the amount of money spent by Greater Manchester Police to fund the officers seconded to the PFEW National Board in years 2020, 2021 and 2023 (if applicable).*
5. *If Greater Manchester Police do not recharge PFEW for the salaries then please explain why or if there are any plans to recharge PFEW?*

6. Who and what is the force line management structure/process for those officers who are seconded to the PFEW National Board i.e. who authorises annual leave, manages sickness absence and authorises expenses?

7. If a complaint were to be made against a Greater Manchester Police officer who is seconded to the PFEW National Board, who would investigate that allegation?

8. Do the Greater Manchester Police officers seconded to the PFEW National Board have to undertake annual force Personal Safety Training and the Job Related Fitness Test (JRFT)? Do the officers have to be available for operational deployment, if required?

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police to locate information relevant to your request. I can confirm that some of the information you have requested is held by Greater Manchester Police. However, I am not obliged to supply all 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.

The information requested in question 1 is exempt under **Section 21 – Information accessible to applicant by other means**. Details of GMP officers elected to the national board of the Police Federation of England and Wales is available on [the GMP Federation website](#).

The information you have requested in questions 2 and 4b 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.

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

Please find below a response to the rest of your request:

1. Exempt under S21, see above.
2. Exempt under S40, see above.
3. GMP.
4.
 - a. No.

- b. Exempt under S40, see above.
5. Information is defined in section 84 of the Act as 'information recorded in any form'. The Act therefore only extends to requests for recorded information. It does not require public authorities to answer questions generally; only if they already hold the answers in recorded form. The Act does not extend to requests for information about policies or their implementation, or the merits or demerits of any proposal or action - unless, of course, the answer to any such request is already held in recorded form. As such, within the spirit of the Act, this question is not a valid request for information.
 6. This information is not held by GMP. Please contact the PFEW for this information.
 7. The complaint would come to GMP in the first instance as the officer would still be under the direction & control of GMP. Depending on the complaint, it may well require liaison with the PFEW National Board to resolve the matter. PFEW may have further information on this matter.
 8. This information is not held by GMP. Please contact the PFEW for this information.