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**Our ref:** 01/FOI/24/012530/C

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/012530/C**

I write in connection with your request for information dated 24/04/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

***Please accept this request under the Freedom of Information Act. I'm seeking:***

***A list of Information Sharing Agreements (sometimes also referred to as Data Sharing Agreements) to which Greater Manchester Police is a party.***

**Result of Searches**

I have today decided to disclose some of the requested information.

In addition, GMP neither confirms nor denies that it holds any other information relevant to this request, and that this response serves as a Refusal Notice under Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act) by virtue of the following exemptions:

Section 23(5) - Information supplied by, or concerning, certain Security Bodies

Section 24(2) - National Security

Section 31(3) - Law Enforcement

**Section 23** is a class based absolute exemption and there is no requirement to consider the public interest in this case. Confirming or denying the existence of whether any other information is held would contravene the constrictions laid out within Section 23 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in that this stipulates a generic bar on disclosure of any information ap-plied by, or concerning, certain Security Bodies.

**Sections 24 and 31** are qualified exemptions and as such there is a requirement to articulate the harm and conduct a test of the public interest in confirmation or denial.

**National Security - Section 24(2) of the Act provides:**

## **Evidence of Harm**

Providing any notice that confirms or denies the existence of specific policing operations would make these security measures less effective. This would lead to the compromise of ongoing or future operations to protect the security or infrastructure of the UK and increase the risk of harm to the public.

## **Favouring confirming or denying whether the information is held**

Providing confirmation or denial as to the extent of operational tactics that might be used by the police service to effectively safeguard matters of national security would improve public confidence in the work of the police and reassure them that the services and equipment available to the police are appropriate, fit for purpose and robust.

## **Favouring neither confirming nor denying whether the information is held**

If GMP were to confirm or deny that such information was or was not held, this could prejudice the Government's ability to maintain national security. It is not in the public interest to disclose the capabilities of the police service and other UK authorities and the techniques and operations that they may or may not use to safeguard the country. This would allow determined individuals the ability to, over time, identify which public authorities hold certain types of national security information and which do not, thereby allowing inferences to be drawn about what authorities or bodies might have an interest in certain matters of national security.

Any response that has the potential to undermine ongoing and future operations to protect the security of the United Kingdom would significantly increase the risk of harm to the community at large. Such actions would obviously not be in the best interest of the public.

## **Law Enforcement - Section 31(3) of the Act provides**

### **Harm**

GMP is charged with enforcing the law, detecting, and preventing crime, and protecting the communities we serve. Confirming or denying whether any other information is held would impact on the effectiveness of police investigations, thereby hindering the prevention and detection of crime.

## **Favouring confirming or denying whether the information is held**

This FOIA request relates to the Sharing Agreements (ISA's), and GMP's to carry out investigations to prevent and detect crime, and there is likely to be a public interest into what specific involvement each partner agency had within such an investigation. Therefore, this in itself favours confirming whether the information is held.

## **Favouring neither confirming nor denying whether the information is held**

There is an inherently strong public interest in public authorities carrying out investigations to prevent and detect crime. GMP need to be allowed to investigate crime effectively and ensure that offenders are brought to justice. To confirm or deny that any other information is held could compromise law enforcement tactics, which would hinder GMP's ability to prevent and detect criminality in this area.

Where current or future law enforcement capabilities of the force may be compromised by the release of information, it is unlikely to be in the interest of the public.

## **Balancing Test**

GMP is charged with enforcing the law, preventing and detecting crime and protecting the communities we serve. The security and maintenance of investigations are of paramount importance and GMP will not divulge whether information is or is not held. Whilst there is a public interest in the transparency of policing and providing assurance that the police service is appropriately and effectively engaging with the threat from criminals, there is a very strong public interest in safeguarding the integrity of police investigations.

It is therefore our opinion that for these issues the balancing test for confirming or not that information is held, is not made out.

**Please see the remaining results for disclosure.**

| ISA Title                                                                                |
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| Arc Hospitality Recruitment                                                              |
| Ashton Town Centre Exclusion Order Scheme                                                |
| Baird Review                                                                             |
| Bolton Overarching Information Sharing Agreement                                         |
| Bury Overarching Information Sharing Agreement                                           |
| Curfew Compliance Information                                                            |
| Diversity and Inclusion, Disproportionality Review                                       |
| Electronic Monitoring Service - Identification                                           |
| Farnworth & Kearsley Pubwatch Online ISA                                                 |
| First Call Contract Services and GMP                                                     |
| Forecourt Crime - Fuel                                                                   |
| G4S - Offender ID Validation                                                             |
| G4S Secure Solutions (UK) Limited                                                        |
| Greater Manchester Victims' Service                                                      |
| Horizon Threat Scanning                                                                  |
| Information sharing with Riverside Housing                                               |
| Information sharing with Victim Support & Witness Service                                |
| Inter-Agency Information Sharing Protocol                                                |
| Investment Hub                                                                           |
| ISA between General Medical Council, the Nursing and Midwifery Council, ACPO and the CPS |
| Joint GMP/CST Information Sharing Agreement                                              |
| Live Chat                                                                                |
| Liverpool City Council                                                                   |
| Manchester Airport CCTV                                                                  |
| Manchester Airports Group (MAG) (CCTV)                                                   |
| Manchester City Centre Hotels                                                            |
| Manchester Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH)                                          |
| Manchester Overarching Information Sharing Agreement                                     |
| Manchester Serious Offenders Panel                                                       |
| MAPPA ISA                                                                                |
| MARAC                                                                                    |

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| The Appropriate Adults Scheme                                                                               |
| Myspace - alleviate crime and anti-social behaviour in social housing areas                                 |
| Nacro Bass Bail Accommodation and Support Service                                                           |
| National Business Crime Solution                                                                            |
| National Confidential Inquiry into Suicide and Safety in Mental Health (NCISH)                              |
| National Exhibition Centre Limited                                                                          |
| National guidance on the sharing of police information with the ABI                                         |
| National Operation Encompass Evaluation                                                                     |
| NPCC - A purpose specific information sharing agreement between NPCC and HMPPS.                             |
| NPCC - ISA between NPCC and Missing People Charity and The Samaritan                                        |
| NPCC - National Data Sharing Agreement (DSA) - Updates to National Highways Fatal Research Database (NHFRD) |
| NPCC - National Identity and Access Management (NIAM) Agreement                                             |
| NPCC - The Processing of Personal Data relating to National Police Chiefs' Council functions                |
| NPCC & Church of England & Church in Wales - Safeguarding and Associated Purpose                            |
| NPCC & CICA - COMPENSATING VICTIMS OF VIOLENT CRIME                                                         |
| NPCC & SIA - Sharing of Information for Statutory Purposes                                                  |
| nRTSSS                                                                                                      |
| Oldham Overarching Information Sharing Agreement                                                            |
| Oldham Town Centre Pubwatch Scheme                                                                          |
| OnEvidence HBA Research Project                                                                             |
| Operation Soteria Bluestone Expansion Programme                                                             |
| Parklife                                                                                                    |
| Partnership working with Bolton Wanderers Football Club                                                     |
| Partnership working with FC United of Manchester Football Club                                              |
| Partnership working with Manchester City Football Club                                                      |
| Partnership working with Oldham Athletic Football Club                                                      |
| Partnership working with Rochdale Town Football Club                                                        |
| Partnership working with Stockport County Football Club                                                     |
| Partnership working with Wigan Athletic Football Club                                                       |
| Police Federation of England & Wales                                                                        |
| Pubwatch Irlam and Cadishead                                                                                |
| Pubwatch Online Bolton Town Centre Licensees Alliance                                                       |
| Pubwatch Online Hazel Grove Pubwatch and Licensed Premises Group                                            |
| RAC - sharing GMP images with retail sector                                                                 |

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| Rape and Serious Sexual Assault Dip Sampling Framework             |
| Reducing instances of women in custody                             |
| Relating to the Joint International Crime Centre                   |
| Remedi YEF Project                                                 |
| Restorative Justice Service Provisions within Greater Manchester   |
| Rochdale Overarching Information Sharing Agreement                 |
| Romiley Pubwatch and Licensed Premises Group                       |
| Safeguarding Partnership - SSCP information sharing agreement      |
| Salford Partnership Response Team                                  |
| Salford University Information Sharing Agreement                   |
| Samaritans Care Plan Support                                       |
| Sefton Council for Voluntary Service (CVS)                         |
| Signposts Information Sharing System                               |
| Sodexo ACC Liverpool                                               |
| Spotlight - IOM                                                    |
| Stockport Overarching Information Sharing Agreement                |
| Tameside Overarching Information Sharing Agreement                 |
| Tameside Pubwatch - Ashton Zone                                    |
| Tameside Pubwatch - Droylsden Zone                                 |
| Tameside Pubwatch - Stalybridge Zone                               |
| Tektrans Data Sharing Agreement                                    |
| The English Football Association and Greater Manchester Police     |
| Trafford Centre ANPR integration                                   |
| Trafford Centre Policing                                           |
| Trafford Overarching Information Sharing Agreement                 |
| University of Salford - Safety and Security of Students and others |
| Victim Surveys                                                     |
| Warehouse Project                                                  |
| WEPROTECT Mobile App - Domestic Abuse Alliance                     |
| Westhoughton Pubwatch Online ISA                                   |
| Wigan Overarching Information Sharing Agreement                    |