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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/24/012782/U

I write in connection with your request for information dated 12/06/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I'm looking for information about the process in place at Manchester Airport regarding UK and Foreign Nationals found in possession of either an offensive weapon or section 5 firearm.

I'm looking for clarification as I believe that my local force (Not GMP) is acting unlawfully.

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.

As the possession of an offensive weapon or section 5 firearm are state offences, the person in possession must prove that they have either reasonable excuse or lawful authority to be in possession of such an item. As such officers need to ascertain those facts whether they be a UK or foreign national.

Depending on the circumstances and whether the person in possession can prove reasonable excuse or lawful authority would depend on how the matter would be dealt with by officers.

Each case would have to be dealt with on its own merits and circumstances.