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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/012046/V

I write in connection with your request for information dated 29/01/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Thank you for your reply! Sorry I have made a confusion in the original request (01/FOI/23/011845/T). Could I request that:

(1) for districts/command units that experienced mergers (e.g: North and South Manchester into City of Manchester), could I ask you to provide appointment dates for commanders in the newly merged units, since the first appointment (for instance, the appointment dates of first commanders after the mergers).

(2) Could I request the names of commanders for the appointment dates. If that is not feasible, could I ask for unique (anonymous) identifiers of commanders to correspond to each appointment.

For instance, if commander A was appointed in Salford in 2002, and then moved to another unit, the commander ID (A) would show up in the new appointment in the 'other' unit. Thank you for your time and I look forward to hearing from you!

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police (GMP) to locate information relevant to your request. I can confirm that the information you have requested is held by GMP. However, I am not obliged to supply you with all the information as an 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. The information you have requested 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 this instance, the names of the district commanders and their exact appointment dates have been withheld.

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

CAVEATS

The B and C divisions merged into the E division in April 2012.

The E division was later absorbed into the A division in May 2016.

Identifier	ORGANISATION	ASSIGN START DATE	ASSIGN END DATE
A Division			
Commander A	A North Manchester Division	Jul-03	Feb-07
Commander B	A North Manchester Division	Oct-06	Jan-10
Commander C	A North Manchester Division	Feb-10	Jan-11
Commander D	A North Manchester Division	Jan-11	Sep-11
Commander E	A North Manchester Division	Sep-11	Aug-13
Commander F	A North Manchester Division	Sep-13	Jan-16
Commander G	A North Manchester Division	Jan-15	May-16
Commander H	A City of Manchester Division	May-16	Sep-16
Commander G	A City of Manchester Division	Oct-16	Sep-21
B Division			
Commander I	B Manchester Metropolitan Division	Jun-04	Feb-07
Commander J	B Manchester Metropolitan Division	Oct-06	Jan-09
Commander K	B Manchester Metropolitan Division	Feb-09	May-10

Commander L	B Manchester Metropolitan Division	Nov-09	Feb-10
Commander E	B Manchester Metropolitan Division	Feb-10	Aug-11
Commander M	B Manchester Metropolitan Division	Aug-11	Apr-12
C and E Division			
Commander N	C South Manchester Division	Feb-03	Jun-04
Commander O	C South Manchester Division	Sep-04	Jan-08
Commander P	C South Manchester Division	Dec-08	Sep-09
Commander Q	C South Manchester Division	Dec-09	Jun-12
Commander Q	E South Manchester Division	Jun-12	Mar-14
Commander H	E South Manchester Division	Mar-14	May-16
F Division			
Commander R	F Salford Division	Sep-01	Oct-04
Commander S	F Salford Division	Oct-04	Jan-06
Commander T	F Salford Division	Mar-06	Oct-13
Commander U	F Salford Division	Oct-13	Dec-16
G Division			
Commander V	G Tameside Division	Jul-02	Feb-04
Commander T	G Tameside Division	Oct-04	Mar-06
Commander W	G Tameside Division	Mar-06	Jan-08
Commander X	G Tameside Division	Jan-08	Jul-11
Commander F	G Tameside Division	Aug-11	Aug-13
Commander C	G Tameside Division	Sep-13	Dec-16
J Division			
Commander Y	J Stockport Division	Jun-03	Feb-04
Commander Z	J Stockport Division	Mar-04	May-10
Commander AA	J Stockport Division	May-09	Jan-10
Commander BB	J Stockport Division	Mar-12	Jan-17
K Division			
Commander CC	K Bolton Command	Jun-03	Jan-09
Commander W	K Bolton Command	Jan-09	Feb-11
Commander DD	K Bolton Command	Aug-11	Jan-17
L Division			
Commander EE	L Wigan Division	Sep-02	Apr-05
Commander K	L Wigan Division	May-05	Feb-09
Commander FF	L Wigan Division	Feb-09	Jan-17
M Division			

Commander GG	M Trafford Division	Jul-03	Dec-04
Commander HH	M Trafford Division	Dec-04	Mar-06
Commander II	M Trafford Division	Mar-06	Aug-10
Commander JJ	M Trafford Division	Dec-09	Mar-14
Commander KK	M Trafford Division	Apr-14	Nov-16
N Division			
Commander LL	N Bury Division	Jan-04	Jun-05
Commander II	N Bury Division	Jun-05	Mar-06
Commander P	N Bury Division	May-06	Jan-08
Commander MM	N Bury Division	Jan-08	Jul-12
Commander C	N Bury Division	Oct-12	Aug-13
Commander NN	N Bury Division	Sep-13	Mar-14
Commander OO	N Bury Division	Mar-13	Feb-16
Commander PP	N Bury Division	Jan-16	Jan-17
P Division			
Commander DD	P Rochdale Command	Oct-06	Mar-07
Commander QQ	P Rochdale Command	Mar-07	Feb-09
Commander RR	P Rochdale Command	Feb-09	Feb-12
Commander SS	P Rochdale Command	Mar-12	Mar-14
Commander BB	P Rochdale Command	Mar-14	Jan-17
Q Division			
Commander S	Q Oldham Division	Mar-02	Oct-04
Commander TT	Q Oldham Division	Oct-04	Feb-05
Commander C	Q Oldham Division	Aug-05	Jan-10
Commander NN	Q Oldham Division	Aug-10	Feb-13
Commander H	Q Oldham Division	Jul-13	Mar-14
Commander UU	Q Oldham Division	Mar-14	Nov-16

District Commanders changed to Territorial Commanders during the below period and were responsible for more than one division (excluding A division)

Commander VV	F, J & M	Jan-17	Feb-19
Commander WW	K, N & L	Jan-17	Sep-21
Commander XX	G, P & Q	Jan-17	Nov-19