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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/012418/D

I write in connection with your request for information dated 05/04/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

When searching 'Your Area' on GMP website, it is clear the information provided is considerably out of date with some PC's listed being Sergeants and a mistake within at least one or two of the areas within Salford being mixed up.

Therefore, I would like to know on behalf of Salford residents, the names ie PC (name) as is stated on the website already, however with up to date information (as the website should provide anyway), of:

*all Salford Neighbourhood officers,
broken down into areas they work in,
station based from
and if possible, the areas those PCs cover (as an officer to contact) if they are assigned to only one area as Andy Burnham suggested they would be in 2021*

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 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.

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** and **Section 22 – Information Intended for Future Publication**.

Section 22 is a qualified exemption and there is a need to apply a public interest test. There is no such requirement for Section 21.

Information about Neighbourhood Officers in Salford is available from [the GMP website](#). This will be updated in due course when staffing changes are made.

Factors Favouring Disclosure

Disclosure of the requested information at the present time would allow the public to have access to the information immediately, would enhance public knowledge of who the Neighbourhood Officers are in Salford and would promote the accountability and aid transparency of GMP.

Factors Favouring Non-Disclosure

Reviewing and formatting the data at the present time, in response to a Freedom of Information request, would be a duplication of work and would involve a disproportionate use of GMP resources and would not be an economical use of public funds.

Balancing Test

When balancing the Public Interest Test, we must consider whether the Public Interest is best served by the release of the information into the public domain immediately or by the withholding of the information. Arguments need to be weighed against each other. The most persuasive reason for disclosure is the facilitation of transparency of GMP, which needs to be weighed against the strongest negative reason, which, in this case, is the disproportionate use of GMP resources and an uneconomical use of public funds. Therefore, the stance at this time is that the requested data is exempt from disclosure in response to a Freedom of Information request due to its future official publication by GMP.

In accordance with the S17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, this letter acts as a Refusal Notice.