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**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/012450/D**

I write in connection with your request for information dated 10/04/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

- 1/ number of times you attended these hotels in the time frame.*
- 2/ the number and type of offences you attended these hotels in the time frame given.*

*The list of hotels in question is*

1. *Britannia Hotel Country House Hotel, Palatine Road, Didsbury, M20 2WG*
2. *Victoria Hotel, Hollinwood Avenue, Chadderton, Oldham, OL9 8DE.*
3. *V Lodge Manchester, 818 Manchester Old Road, Middleton, M24 4RF*
4. *Broadfield Park Hotel, Sparrow Hill, OL16 1AF*
5. *Stockport: Britannia Inn, Dialstone Lane, Offerton, Stockport SK2 6AG*
6. *Trafford: Britannia Ashley Hotel Ashley Road, Hale, Altrincham, WA15 9SF*
7. *Wigan: Britannia Hotel, Almond Brook Road, Shevington Moor, Wigan, WN6 0SR*

*The time frame is:*

*the last 12 months from 8th March 2024.*

## **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. However, I am not obliged to provide all the information requested as exemption applies.

The information requested in question 2 is exempt under **Section 43(2) – Commercial Interest**. Section 43(2) is a prejudice based and qualified exemption, as such is subject to a harm and public interest test. 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.

### **Harm**

To provide the total number of offences for each location over a year period would likely prejudice the businesses' reputations. Providing such information could affect the commercial interest of the business therefore disturbing the profits seen within the business. A less likely but still possible outcome from providing such information could lead the business owners to seek legal action against GMP.

### **Factors Favouring Disclosure**

To provide the total of offences for each location would allow for a better-informed public awareness and debate.

### **Factors Favouring Non-Disclosure**

By not disclosing the total of each offence would prevent any harm to the commercial interest of the named businesses. Providing the information could be detrimental to the business itself, as this could affect the number of customers; furthermore, this could put the trader under financial strain.

### **Balancing Test**

When balancing the public interest Greater Manchester Police must consider whether the information should be released into the public domain. The most persuasive reason for disclosing the information would allow for a better-informed public awareness and debate, which needs to be weighed against the strongest reason for non-disclosure, which in this case is the damage it could cause to the reputation and finances of the businesses. In this instance the case for disclosure is not made.

The information requested in question 1 is not exempt and is provided below.

| Location                                                                   | Number of times attended |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Britannia Hotel Country House Hotel, Palatine Road, Didsbury, M20 2WG      | 45                       |
| Victoria Hotel, Hollinwood Avenue, Chadderton, Oldham, OL9 8DE.            | 29                       |
| V Lodge Manchester, 818 Manchester Old Road, Middleton, M24 4RF            | 3                        |
| Broadfield Park Hotel, Sparrow Hill, OL16 1AF                              | 4                        |
| Stockport: Britannia Inn, Dialstone Lane, Offerton, Stockport SK2 6AG      | 26                       |
| Trafford: Britannia Ashley Hotel Ashley Road, Hale, Altrincham, WA15 9SF   | 11                       |
| Wigan: Britannia Hotel, Almond Brook Road, Shevington Moor, Wigan, WN6 0SR | 44                       |