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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/012471/I

I write in connection with your request for information dated 15/04/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

It has been reported that you may be investigating Angela Rayner for election law infringements and issues on Capital Gains Tax. Please can you provide the following information. These are information request not relating to Mrs Rayner.

1. *Why do you investigate Election law offences when the time limit for prosecutions has elapsed?*

(For example only: the claim against AR took place over the maximum time limit of 24 months)

2. *What GMP policies allow investigation on crimes where the statutory time limits to prosecute have elapsed?*
3. *Can the public report offences and will they be investigated by GMP when the statutory time limits to prosecute have elapsed for that offence?*
4. *Why do GMP investigate Capital Gains Tax offences when this is usually Investigate by HMRC?*

Result of Searches

Information is defined in section 84 of the Act as 'information recorded in any form'. The Act therefore only extends to requests for recorded information. It does not require public authorities to answer questions generally; only if they already hold the answers in recorded form. The Act does not extend to requests for information about policies or their implementation, or the merits or demerits of any proposal or action - unless, of course, the answer to any such request is already held in recorded form.

As such, within the spirit of the Act, only question 2 qualifies as a request for information held.

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police (GMP) to locate the information requested in question 2 and I can confirm that the information requested is not held by GMP.

Some information on Crime Recording Rules is available from the Home Office at this link. [crime-recording-rules-for-frontline-officers-and-staff-march2024.pdf](https://publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/121212/crime-recording-rules-for-frontline-officers-and-staff-march2024.pdf) (publishing.service.gov.uk).