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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/24/012640/H

I write in connection with your request for information dated 16/05/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I am writing to formally request, under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and Data Protection Act 2018, the disclosure of specific information regarding the Data Protection Officers (DPOs) within Greater Manchester Police. The details requested are as follows:

- 1. Identifying Information: The titles and roles of all individuals who have held the position of Data Protection Officer within Greater Manchester Police.***
- 2. Remuneration Information: The annual salary bands for these Data Protection Officers, specified for each year they were in post.***
- 3. Tenure Information: The precise dates of tenure for each Data Protection Officer, from the commencement to the cessation of their duties.***

This request pertains to the period from 18 October 2000 to the present date.

The purpose of this request is to gain insight into the historical and current organisational structure and remuneration practices for this crucial role within Greater Manchester Police. I believe that disclosing this information will serve the public interest in ensuring transparency and accountability within the Force.

Should you require any further clarification or details to facilitate this request, please do not hesitate to contact me at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I anticipate your prompt response within the statutory timeframe of 20 working days.

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.

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.

Section 40 is an absolute exemption with no requirement to complete a public interest test.

The total number of positions filled over the period requested and question 3 has been exempted from disclosure under Section 40(2) Personal Information – this information constitutes personal data of an identifiable living individual, and to disclose this information would breach the principles of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018. Personal data is defined by Section 1 of the Data Protection Act 1998 and means data that relates to an individual who can be identified directly or indirectly from that data.

Results for remaining questions

Question 1 – Job Title – Data Protection Officer (DPO).

Question 2 – Annual Salary is £53,529 - £55,803.

Question 3 – Exempt. Please see above.