



Date: 24/10/2024
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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/013358/M

I write in connection with your request for information dated 01/10/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Please email me a copy of the police report from Manchester City v Brentford played in the Premier League at the City of Manchester Stadium on Saturday September 14, 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 that some of the information you have requested is held by GMP. With reference to the data that is held I am not required to provide it all as exemptions apply.

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.

Where redactions have been made within the attached match report this information is exempt from disclosure by virtue of **Section 40(2) – Personal Information** and **Section 31(1)(a)(b) – Law Enforcement**.

Section 40(2) represents information that identifies a living individual, to disclose this information would breach the principles of 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.

Section 40 is an absolute exemption and there is no requirement to conduct a public interest test for such data. Any redactions within the attached report under S40 are annotated as such.

The Section 31 exemption is subject to a public interest test.

Harm

Disclosure of the full match reports may compromise the efficient and effective conduct of the force. This may hinder the prevention and detection of crime and cause harm to members of the public and members of the forces staff, as well as place extra strain on police resources.

Factors in favour of disclosure

The factors considered in favouring the disclosure of the information requested are as follows. A better awareness may reduce crime or lead to more information provided to GMP from the public in relation to crime prevention. It would also lead to better public debate, as it could be seen how GMP are using its resources to tackle crime and disorder.

Factors against disclosure

Factors against the disclosure of information are: law enforcement tactics would be compromised, individuals are placed at risk. There is also potential for a greater impact on police resources, as there is a possibility that this could hinder the prevention and detection of crime and more crime may be committed. The safety of individuals is of a paramount importance to the force and a major part of the policing purpose, therefore GMP will not disclose information which could risk lives or be detrimental to our policing role of enforcing the law and protecting people.

Balancing Test

When balancing the public interest test GMP has to consider whether the information should be released into the public domain. Arguments need to be weighed against each other. The most persuasive reason for disclosing the information is a better awareness may reduce crime or lead to more information from the public, which needs to be weighed against the strongest reason for non-disclosure, which, in this case is the fact that individuals may be placed at risk and the affect it may have on the prevention and detection of crime. In this case, I believe the case for disclosure is not made out.

Please see the attached Match Summary Report.

Match summary

Manchester City v Brentford

Sat 14/09/2024, 15:00

Match Details

Fixture

Date	14/09/2024
Day	Saturday
Kickoff time	15:00
Match category	LOW
Competition	Premier League
TV fixture	No
Score	2 - 1

Attendance

Home attendance	53,263
Away attendance	1,754
Total attendance	55,017
Number of away coaches	3

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Home resume

Phase 1 (Pre-match)

Manchester City versus Brentford

Saturday 14th September 2024

KO 15:00hrs

Information / intelligence

2,200 tickets sold to Brentford supporters

3 coaches

Co-op Live - 'The Street' will be open for this fixture with entry via a pre-purchased ticket redeemable at the bar. 1,900 tickets sold. Will be showing the earlier Premier League Fixture between Southampton and Manchester United.

Small groups of Brentford drinking in the Piccadilly Tavern on London Road.

No issues reported from the Co-op Live.

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Reports of traffic issues on the M6 led to 2 of the coaches arriving at kick-off. No issues getting them in.

Phase 2 (During the match)

No issues upon either team scoring along the lower segregation lines.

During the 2nd half, reports of monkey comments being made by

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. CCTV checked with a negative result. No persons identified, crime submitted

Drunken home supporter being lary towards paramedics, ejected.

Phase 3 (Post-match)

Both sets of supporters mixed well. No issues.

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refers to crime for sexual assault reported at the fixture on . reported that she been kissed by . Enquiries ongoing with the club re CCTV and ID of the offender

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Away Resume

Phase 1 (Pre-match)

Nothing to report

Phase 2 (During the match)

Nothing to report

Phase 3 (Post-match)

Nothing to report

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Date	14/09/2024
Season	2024/2025

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