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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/013457/O

I write in connection with your request for information dated 15/10/2024, I note you seek access to the following information:

- 1. Have you issued any new uniforms featuring the King's cypher?*
- 2. If not, have you got any garments featuring the new cypher in stock? And when do you hope to start issuing them?*
- 3. If so, when did you start? And is it a gradual process or are all officers now in uniform with the new cypher?*

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police to locate information relevant to your request. Please see our answer below.

As a force, we are now using the King's Cypher. We are also in the process of a new Uniform Rollout which incorporates the King's Cypher. This includes Headwear Badges, Tops and Body Armour. This is currently being distributed across the force but is not area specific, which is why the public may see some officers still bearing the late Queen's Cypher.

This rollout commenced in March 2024. We are expecting by mid 2025, uniformed officers will all look the same.

Some information that might be useful related to your question can be found via this link:

<https://www.gmp.police.uk/SysSiteAssets/foi-media/greater-manchester/disclosure-2024/september/foi-24.013196.m-updating-the-royal-cypher.pdf>