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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/24/013565/R

I write in connection with your request for information dated 30/10/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

- 1. *In the 2022-23 and 2023-24 financial years please state (i) how many of your police officers (not civilian staff, specials or PCSOs) were the subject of a disciplinary sanctions of ANY description because they were found to have had sex while on duty, and (ii) how many of these officers were dismissed from the force?***
- 2. *Of these officers please provide a breakdown between (i) male officers and (ii) female officers?***
- 3. *Of these officers please provide a breakdown between (i) those having sex with a fellow officer, (ii) those having sex with a member of the public, and (iii) those having sex with a fellow officer and a member of the public (although obviously not necessarily at the same time)?***

NOTE: This question relates to disciplinary hearings that concluded and were recorded in the 2022-23 and 2023-24 financial year regardless of when the actual incident took place or when the allegation was first investigated.

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.

Question 1 – (i) 3 (ii) 3 dismissed.

Question 2 and 3

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.

Due to low numbers returned, the breakdown requested in questions 2 and 3 has been exempt 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 2018 and means data that relates to an individual who can be identified directly or indirectly from that data.