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Our ref: FOI/24/013462/L

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/24/013462/L

I write in connection with your request for information dated 15/10/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I recently completed a FOI request and was hoping to follow up on it with some extra queries

1) How many arrests were made and was anyone charged?

2) Where the arrests in relation to a clash of supporters or just individual cases?

3) Did the events in Hull the week prior raise any worries for unrest resulting in a change of plans? Increased presence etc?

4) Do you think Old Trafford is a good venue from a policing perspective for events like this? Is it good as you handle events there on a regular basis?

5) Would the Grand Final be better off hosted elsewhere at the Etihad campus for example? Again from a policing standpoint?

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 some of the information requested is held by GMP. However, I am not obliged to provide 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.

Due to low numbers returned question 1 and 2 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 2018 and means data that relates to an individual who can be identified directly or indirectly from that data.

Response

Question 1 – Exempt.

Question 2 – Exempt.

Question 3 – This is an invalid question under the FOIA. We can only provide data held by the Force and we cannot provide opinions.

Question 4 – This is an invalid question under the FOIA. We can only provide data held by the Force and we cannot provide opinions.

Question 5 – This is an invalid question under the FOIA. We can only provide data held by the Force and we cannot provide opinions.