



Date: 04/04/2025
Our ref: 01/FOI/25/014173/I

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/014173/I

I write in connection with your request for information dated 04/04/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Please email the police report for Manchester United v Leicester City played in the League Cup at Old Trafford on October 30, 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 marked as "S40" are exempt under S40.

The Section 31 exemption is subject to a public interest test and in this case, I would outline the relevant factors as:

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: 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 at football matches.

Factors against disclosure: 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.

Match summary

Manchester United v Leicester City

Wed 30/10/2024, 19:45

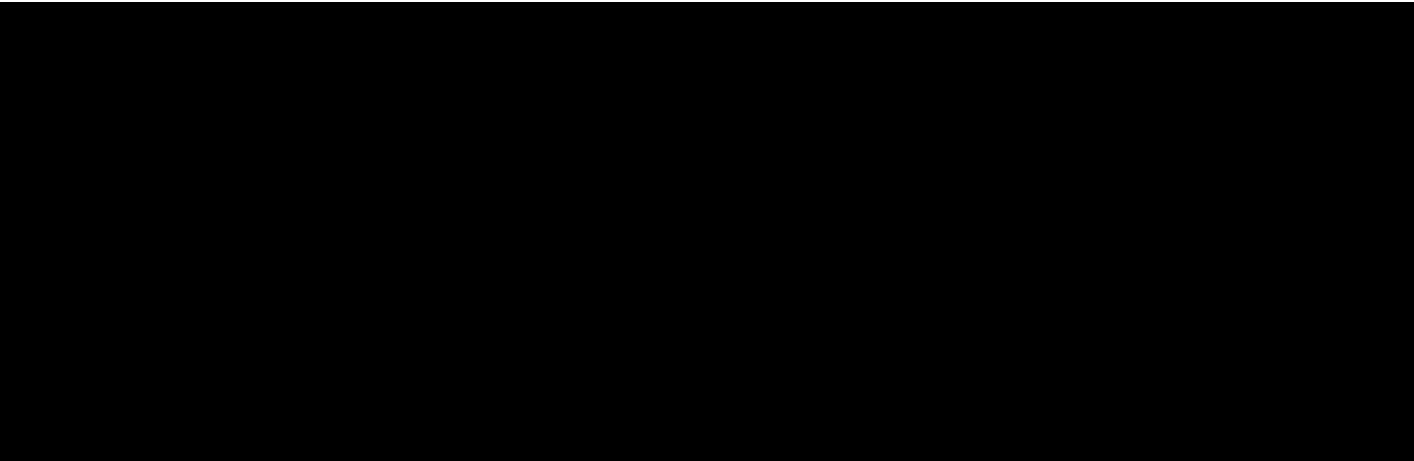
Match Details

Fixture

Date	30/10/2024
Day	Wednesday
Kickoff time	19:45
Match category	MEDIUM
Competition	League Cup
TV fixture	Yes
Score	5 - 2

Attendance

Home attendance	71,355
Away attendance	2,115
Total attendance	73,470
Number of away coaches	7



[REDACTED]

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Home resume

Phase 1 (Pre-match)

This was the EFL Carabao Cup Fourth Round fixture against Leicester City , which was expected to provide a highly charged atmosphere due to the fact that the result would determine which of the two teams would progress in the competition. Leicester City took a reduced EFL Cup allocation of 2,500 tickets for this fixture and were located in the East Stand in blocks E230-233 in Tier One, entering via turnstile blocks E30, and on the AE8 wheelchair platform at the rear of Blocks E230-232 that is accessed via the AE8 entrance. Barriered screening lanes were constructed at the away turnstiles at E30, and this enabled the Leicester supporters to undergo “hands-on” screening supported by dual purpose pyrotechnic/drug detention dogs and Hand Held Metal Detectors, prior to scanning their physical paper ticket at the turnstiles. There were several positive indications by the detection dogs deployed at the away turnstiles, with no pyrotechnics or drugs found during the subsequent screening that was carried out. No pyrotechnics were activated inside the stadium during the fixture. The majority of visiting supporters had entered the stadium prior to kick-off. The earlier 7:45pm kick-off time impacted on the arrival of home supporters with a late walk up observed resulting in excess of 12,000 supporters entering the stadium post kick-off. The queues at the turnstiles were well managed but did not subside fully until thirty minutes into the game when the decision was made to go to “late gates”. One [REDACTED] supporter was refused entry at the [REDACTED] due to [REDACTED].

Phase 2 (During the match)

Despite their relatively small numbers the visiting Leicester supporters were loud and enthusiastic in the support of their team throughout the fixture. [REDACTED]. CCTV footage was reviewed by the police and the stadium safety team, resulting in [REDACTED] being removed from the stadium bowl and arrested [REDACTED]. Prior to kick-off [REDACTED]. Safeguarding, security, and the police attended and spoke to [REDACTED] who was drunk. [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was arrested for possession of drugs [REDACTED]. A second arrest was carried out for [REDACTED] after [REDACTED] who had been caught on CCTV [REDACTED] was identified in the stadium bowl.



Phase 3 (Post-match)

There were no issues reported or observed as the two sets of supporters exited the stadium at the final whistle.

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Away Resume

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Incident report

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Season	2024/2025

Incident

