

**Date:** 8<sup>th</sup> April 2025  
**Our ref:** FOI/25/014549/U

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/25/014549/U**

I write in connection with your request for information dated 07/04/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

*It was reported in the media that GMP will not take part in the Manchester Pride parade this year and that officers are told to not wear rainbow clothing (source:*  
[https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.manchestereveningnews.co.uk%2Fnews%2Fgreater-manchester-news%2Fgreater-manchester-police-not-take-29785894&data=05%7C02%7Cfreedomofinformation%40gmp.police.uk%7Cedcd6640a22e415e262908dd743e4042%7Cdc8a542c40d46ab8f73e6023f45c7c5%7C0%7C0%7C638794532925111820%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMilslkFOljoitWFBpbCIsIldUljoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=bEvfsOYW9ibFiwzrseMqJCj%2B5RtWePefJYQ3LaIW%2BfU%3D&reserved=0\).](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.manchestereveningnews.co.uk%2Fnews%2Fgreater-manchester-news%2Fgreater-manchester-police-not-take-29785894&data=05%7C02%7Cfreedomofinformation%40gmp.police.uk%7Cedcd6640a22e415e262908dd743e4042%7Cdc8a542c40d46ab8f73e6023f45c7c5%7C0%7C0%7C638794532925111820%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMilslkFOljoitWFBpbCIsIldUljoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=bEvfsOYW9ibFiwzrseMqJCj%2B5RtWePefJYQ3LaIW%2BfU%3D&reserved=0).)

*I have 2 questions stemming from this:*

- 1) Is this claim accurate?*
- 2) If it is, was this at the direction of another authority? If so, which authority instructed the police to do this?*

**CLARIFICATION**

*Apologies, I made a typo in the original request. To be clear, I mean in the year 2024, not "this year" in the message.*

**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.

**Question 1** – GMP were requested to not participate in the Manchester Pride parade by Manchester Pride (the organisers of the event). GMP as per force uniform policy do not allow wearing of rainbow epaulettes.

**Question 2** – Manchester Pride as organisers of the event make the decision as to who participates in their event.