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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/014354/L

I write in connection with your request for information dated 05/03/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Please can you advise me what your policy is on the gender and pronouns you use when a suspect/criminal is transgender? My enquiry relates to the recording of crimes and public communications/press releases, not internal HR procedures for police officers.

Please can you give me direct answers to the following questions.

1. Would the force describe someone as having a gender and/or pronouns that are different to their birth sex if they DO NOT have a gender recognition certificate (GRC)? E.g. if a person born male identifies as a woman but does not have a GRC, would you call them a woman and use she/her pronouns?

2. Would the force describe someone as having a gender and/or pronouns that are different to their birth sex if they DO have a gender recognition certificate (GRC)? E.g. if a person born male identifies as a woman and has a GRC, would you call them a woman and use she/her pronouns?

3. In cases of rape, which requires male genitalia to commit, would the force use she/her pronouns and record the suspect/culprit's gender as female, if they identity as a woman but DO NOT have a GRC?

4. In cases of rape, which requires male genitalia to commit, would the force use she/her pronouns and record the suspect/culprit's gender as female, if they identity as a woman and DO have a GRC?

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 not held by GMP.

GMP do not have a policy for this FOI request.

However, any press release would be guided by the investigation and / or the information provided at court – with any case at court, the details would reflect the name and details provided and accepted in open court.

“The Home Office Counting Rules, (HOCR) do not give any reference to use of pronouns for either suspects or victims.

GMP's Crime and Incident Recording procedure is based on HOCR and GMP processes for crime flow.