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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/015325/K

I write in connection with your request for information dated 12/08/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

We would like to request information relating to your organisation's Facilities Management services under the Freedom of Information process. Please can you confirm:

- 1. Whether Facilities Management Services (including M&E Services, Cleaning, Security, Reception, Catering, etc.) are currently outsourced?***
- 2. If outsourced, are Facilities Management services (including M&E Services, Cleaning, Security, Reception, Catering, Other Soft FM Services) delivered under an integrated or bundled model, or are separate service line contracts in place?***
- 3. Current approximate annual spend on outsourced Facilities Management services across the estate (comprising M&E Services, Cleaning, Security, Reception, Catering, Other Soft FM Services)? Please can you provide separate costs per service, where these are under separate, discrete contracts?***
- 4. Please can you advise which suppliers your organisation currently engages for the delivery of Facilities Management Services (comprising M&E Services, Cleaning, Security, Reception, Catering, Other Soft FM Services)?***
- 5. Please can you advise when the Facilities Management contracts are due to expire?***
- 6. Please can you advise when the Facilities Management contracts are likely to be re-tendered?***

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 supply all of the information you have requested as exemptions apply.

When refusing to provide such information because an exemption applies, Section 17(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires GMP, 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.

Questions 3, 4, 5 and 6 are exempt under **section 21 – Information accessible to applicant by other means**. The response to this request is available online via the Bluelight Police Database. The Bluelight Police Database is searchable, so a requestor can search under category to find any relevant contracts. By clicking into each contract relevant information such as start, end dates and estimated contract value can be found.

Additionally, A more detailed spend by supplier can be found through the monthly transparency reports which details each item of expenditure over £500.

Please follow the links below.

[Sell2](#)
[Expenditure over £500 | Greater Manchester Police](#)

Any other contract information that is not published on the Bluelight website has been exempt from disclosure by virtue of the following exemption:

•**Section 31(1)(a)(b) - Law Enforcement**

Sections 31 requires Harm and Public Interest Test, which can be found below.

Harm

The release of some contractual information specifically around contract description, supplier name and product used by Greater Manchester Police, could reveal capabilities available to the force and consequently give important information to those with criminal intent. The release of this information combined with detailed information readily available on the internet, would allow criminals to identify the strengths and weaknesses of our capabilities. They would be able to use information in planning terrorist and criminal acts.

The release of this information would therefore impact on the prevention and detection of crime, the apprehension of terrorists and criminals and increase the fear of crime in the community Greater Manchester Police seeks to serve.

Factors favouring disclosure

There is a public interest in knowing how public money is being spent in ensuring value for money both at the point of purchase, and also in respect of what those resources are to be used for.

Factors favouring non-disclosure

There is a strong public interest in ensuring Greater Manchester Police's effective law enforcement capability. Disclosure of supplier identities and product information together with contract descriptions would mean that individuals could research details about capabilities available to the force. This may allow terrorists and criminals the opportunity to assess strengths and any possible weaknesses of these capabilities. This would compromise law enforcement which could lead to more crime being committed and individuals being placed at risk. This information may also be used by criminals/terrorists in combination with other information they have gathered to try and disrupt law enforcement.

Balancing Test

It is my view that the public safety from non-disclosure is of greater importance than the advantage of public confidence from the disclosure of this information. Greater Manchester Police will not disclose information that could compromise the future law enforcement role of the force.

Having considered all the factors for and against disclosure, the reason against disclosure outweighs the reason for disclosure and so the decision at this time to maintain the above exemption and withhold the information from disclosure.

See remaining responses below.

1. Only M&E Services is outsourced
2. N/A