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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/015902/V

I write in connection with your request for information dated 22/11/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

There was a stabbing near my house on Thursday afternoon in Edgeley, Stockport. The newspapers are reporting that it happened on my street, [REDACTED]

However, there is nothing showing on my Ring doorbell footage, (a policeman came to my door and I showed him this) and neither I nor my neighbours saw or heard anything on the street.

I live alone with two young daughters, aged 1 and 4.

I would like to know whether this incident actually occurred on our street, and if there is anything we need to be concerned about or anything my neighbours and I should keep an eye out for.

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. I can confirm that the incident in question occurred on Clwyd Avenue. Some details are available from the Manchester Evening News: [Everything we know about Stockport stabbing - Manchester Evening News](#), [Man stabbed in popular Greater Manchester park as air ambulance lands - Manchester Evening News](#). However, I am unable to provide any further information as an exemption applies.

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires GMP, when refusing to provide such information (because the 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.

The exemption which applies to this request is **Section 30(1)(2)(a) – Investigations and Proceedings Conducted by Public Authorities**. Section 30 is a class based qualified exemption; there is a requirement to carry out a public interest test, which can be seen below.

Factors Favouring Disclosure

To disclose the information requested into the public domain would show GMP's accountability and satisfy the public that investigations into this incident are being conducted. It would also show GMP's use of public funds in investigating incidents of this nature.

Factors Favouring Non-Disclosure

We accept that there is a legitimate and important public interest in publishing information about the investigation, however, conversely to the factors in favour of disclosure, to publicly release information that is related to an ongoing investigation that remain ongoing may seriously undermine GMP's ability to complete the investigations to a full and correct conclusion. Whilst this investigation might be seen as high profile by some, to disclose any details may still hinder the process needed to be followed.

Balancing Test

When balancing the public interest test GMP must consider whether the information should be released into the public domain, therefore arguments need to be weighed against each other. The most persuasive reason for disclosing the information would be the fact that disclosure would encourage transparency. This needs to be weighed against the strongest reason for non-disclosure, which in this case is the impact on GMP's ability to complete investigations to a full and correct conclusion. Therefore, having considered all the factors for and against disclosure it is the decision at this time to maintain the above exemption and withhold the information from disclosure.

Further Information

For crime prevention advice you can find the contact details for your local neighbourhood policing team here: [Alexandra Park \(Stockport\) | Stockport | Greater Manchester Police | Greater Manchester Police](#).