

Date: 25th March 2025
Our ref: FOI/25/014361/K

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/25/014361/K

I write in connection with your request for information dated 06/03/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Please email me post-match police reports for the following football games:

Manchester City v Inter Milan in Manchester on September 18, 2024.

Slovan Bratislava v Manchester City in Slovakia October 1, 2024.

Manchester City v Sparta Prague in Manchester on October 23, 2024.

Sporting Lisbon v Manchester City in Portugal on November 5, 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 the information requested is held by GMP.

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
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 2018 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.

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 also 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

The factors considered in favouring the disclosure of the information requested are as follows. 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.

Factors against disclosure

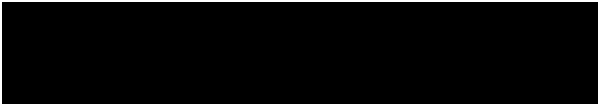
Factors against the disclosure of information are: law enforcement tactics would be compromised, individuals are placed at risk. There is also potential for a greater impact on police resources, as there is a possibility that this could hinder the prevention and detection of crime and more crime may 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.

Response

Please see the attached match reports.



Match summary

Manchester City v Inter Milan

Wed 18/09/2024, 20:00

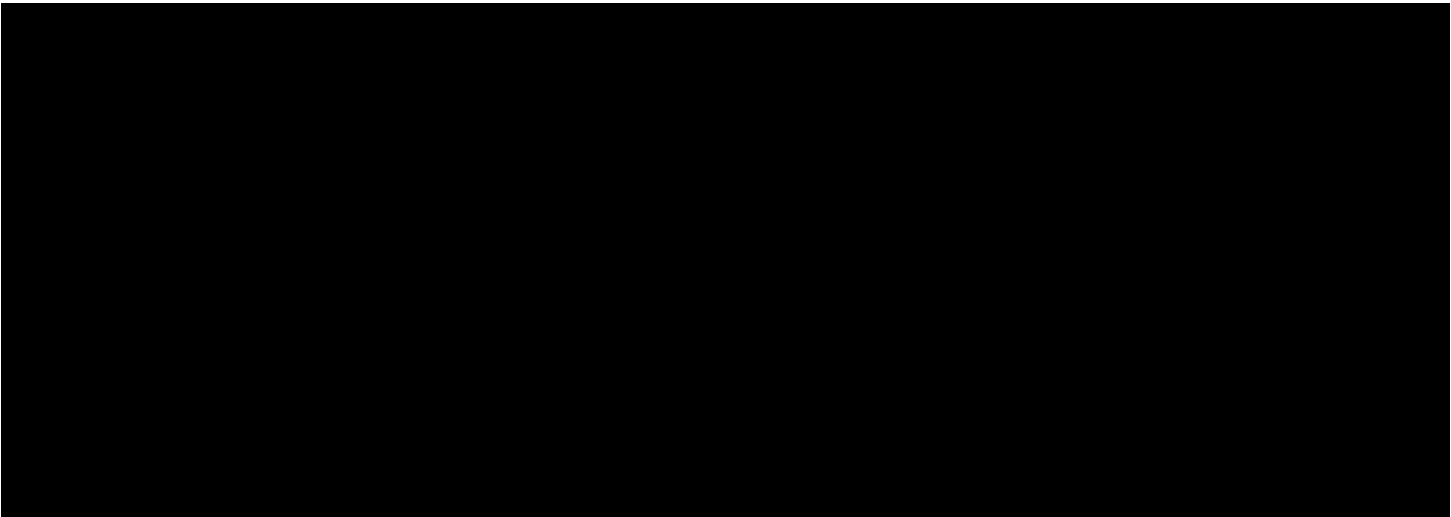
Match Details

Fixture

Date	18/09/2024
Day	Wednesday
Kickoff time	20:00
Match category	MEDIUM
Competition	Champions League
TV fixture	Yes
Score	0 - 0

Attendance

Home attendance	0
Away attendance	1,113
Total attendance	1,113
Number of away coaches	0





Match summary

Manchester City v Inter Milan

Wed 18/09/2024, 20:00

Home resume

Phase 1 (Pre-match)

Manchester City versus Inter Milan

Wednesday 18th September 2024

KO 20:00hrs

Live on TNT Sports

There were NO reported issues overnight.

Pre-match

Steady build up throughout the afternoon in Shambles Square (pre-agreed meeting point). They were very compliant and happy to engage with both police and our colleagues from Italy.

At 17.25hrs a fan walk / march of around 300 Inter Milan supporters commenced from Shambles Square, led by a small number of Ultras in possession of a drum and megaphone.

18.15hrs fan walk / march arrived at the ground without issue.

Inter Milan did use the clubs ticketing trailer for around 100 ticket collections on the away coach park, this did not cause any issues.

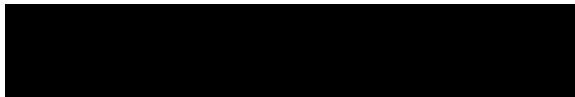
41 supporters refused entry to home areas.

9 supporters ejected from home areas within the stadium.

Phase 2 (During the match)

The only issue was during the second half when a supporter

The majority of the Inter Milan supporters remained behind for 10-15 minutes to applaud the team.

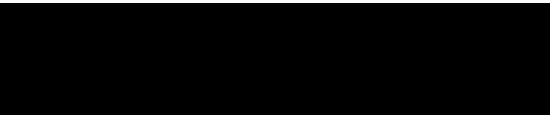


Phase 3 (Post-match)

Both sets of supporters mixed well. No reported issues.

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Match summary

Manchester City v Inter Milan

Wed 18/09/2024, 20:00

Away Resume

Phase 1 (Pre-match)

Nothing to report

Phase 2 (During the match)

Nothing to report

Phase 3 (Post-match)

Nothing to report





Match summary

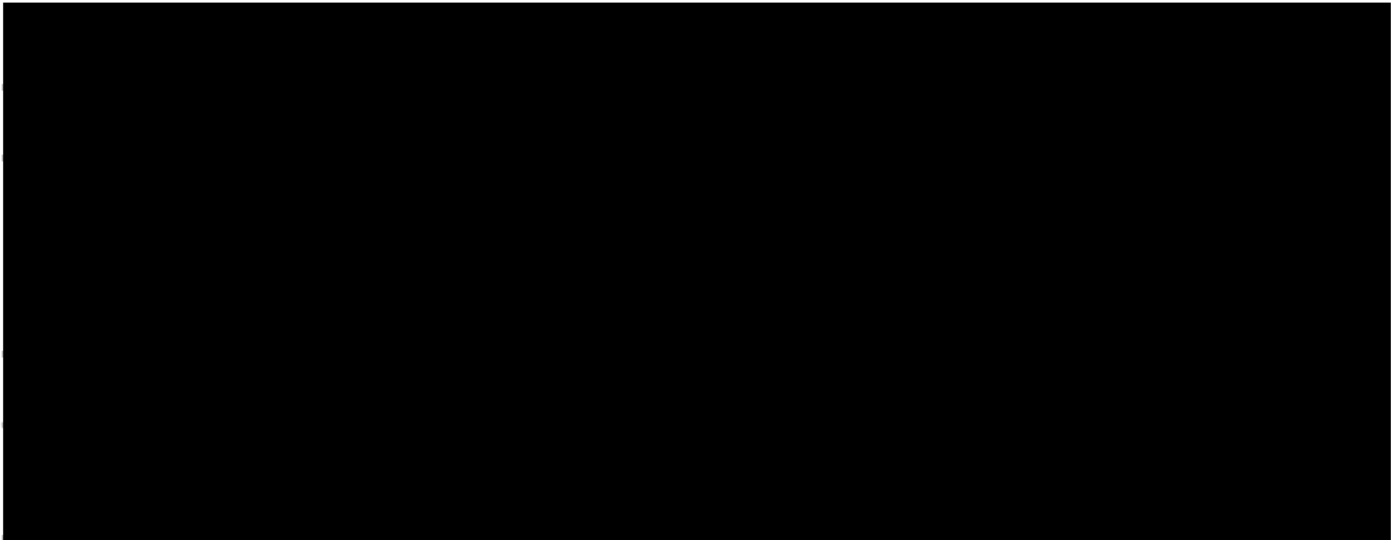
Manchester City v Inter Milan

Wed 18/09/2024, 20:00

Incident report

Fixture	Manchester City v Inter Milan
Date	18/09/2024
Season	2024/2025

Incident





Match summary

Sporting Lisbon v Manchester City

Tue 05/11/2024, 20:00

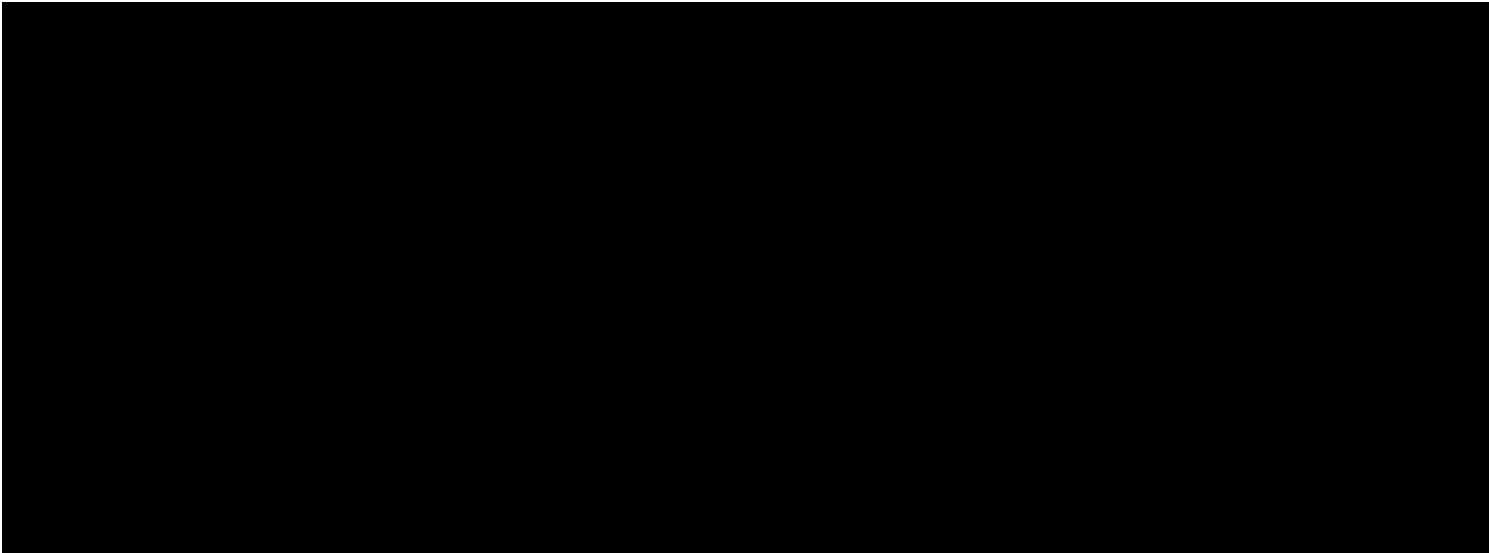
Match Details

Fixture

Date	05/11/2024
Day	Tuesday
Kickoff time	20:00
Match category	LOW
Competition	Champions League
TV fixture	No
Score	4 - 1

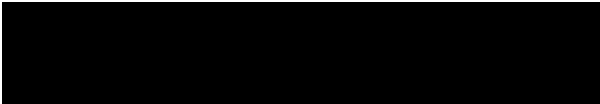
Attendance

Home attendance	49,114
Away attendance	2,700
Total attendance	51,814
Number of away coaches	0



[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



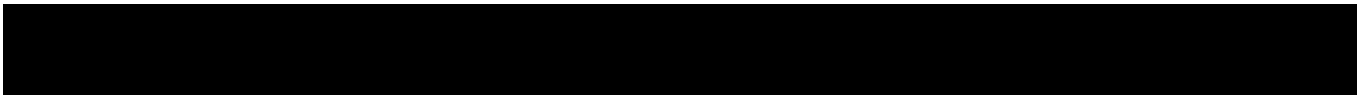
Match summary

Sporting Lisbon v Manchester City

Tue 05/11/2024, 20:00

Home resume

Phase 1 (Pre-match)



Phase 2 (During the match)

Nothing to report

Phase 3 (Post-match)

Nothing to report



Match summary

Sporting Lisbon v Manchester City

Tue 05/11/2024, 20:00

Away Resume

Phase 1 (Pre-match)

[REDACTED] supporters sighted across the city, with the busiest location being the British pub [REDACTED]

No reports overnight.

[REDACTED] supporters gathered again at the British pub, numbering around 250 – 300 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] supporters left the British pub and made their way to the metro station and onto the ground.
All supporters into the ground prior to kick-off without issue.

Phase 2 (During the match)

During the game

[REDACTED] report of 5 [REDACTED] supporters and 3 [REDACTED] supporters arrested [REDACTED]

21.55hrs – game finished 4 – 1
[REDACTED]

Phase 3 (Post-match)





Match summary

Slovan Bratislava v Manchester City

Tue 01/10/2024, 20:00

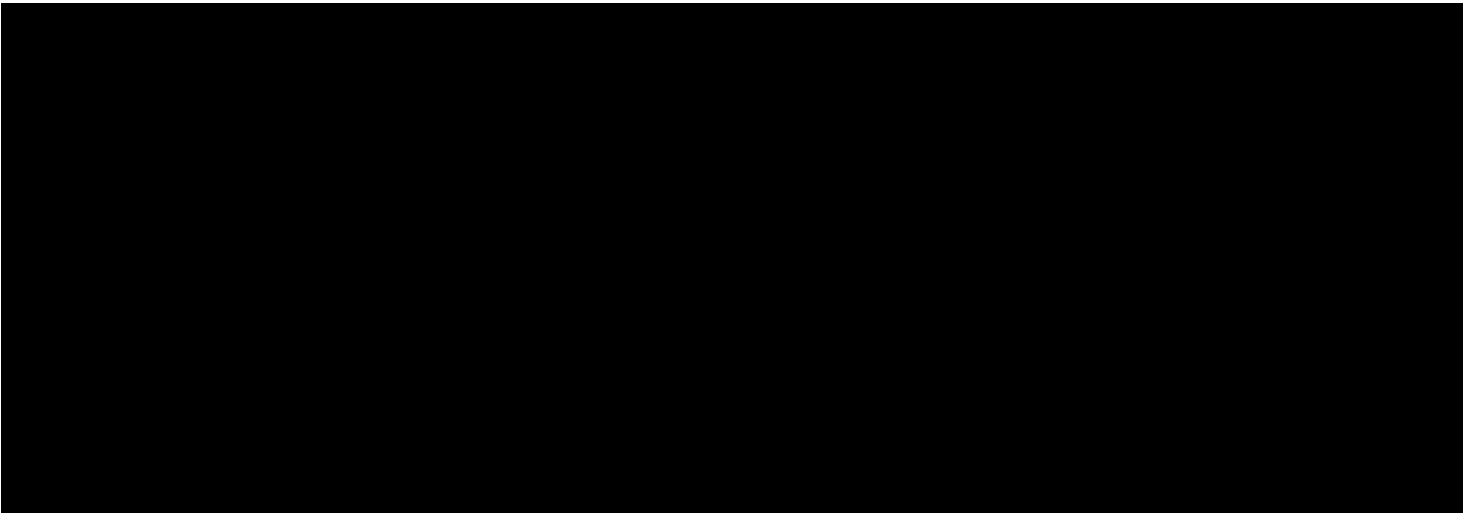
Match Details

Fixture

Date	01/10/2024
Day	Tuesday
Kickoff time	20:00
Match category	LOW
Competition	Champions League
TV fixture	No
Score	0 - 4

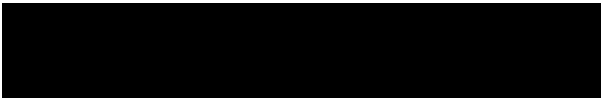
Attendance

Home attendance	21,400
Away attendance	1,100
Total attendance	22,500
Number of away coaches	0



[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



Match summary

Slovan Bratislava v Manchester City

Tue 01/10/2024, 20:00

Home resume

Phase 1 (Pre-match)

Nothing to report

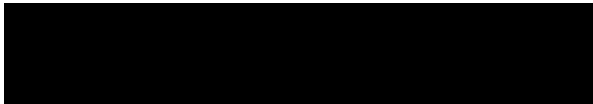
Phase 2 (During the match)

Nothing to report

Phase 3 (Post-match)

Nothing to report





Match summary

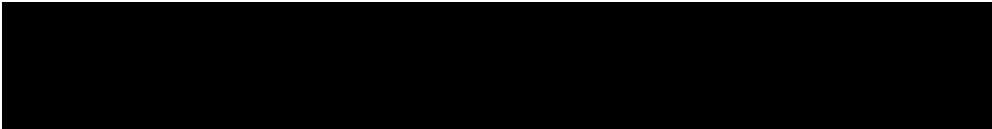
Slovan Bratislava v Manchester City

Tue 01/10/2024, 20:00

Away Resume

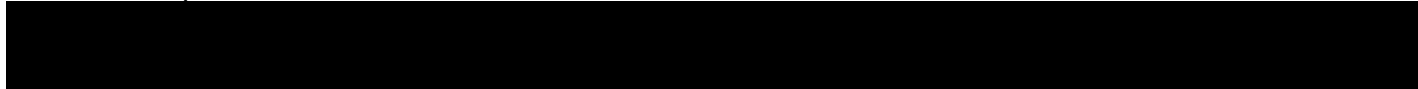
Phase 1 (Pre-match)

Bratislava v Manchester City
Tuesday 1st October 2024
KO 21:00hrs (Local time)



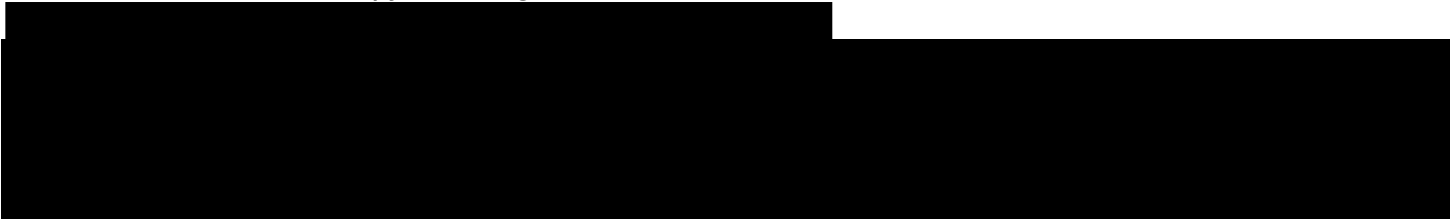
Low numbers of city supporters seen across the Old Town of Bratislava, the majority of whom had gathered in the [redacted] bar. (Bar closed at 23:00hrs)
No issues.

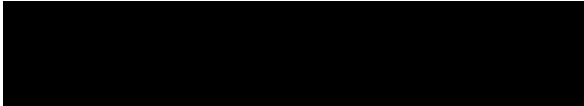
Match day
Slow build up of city supporters throughout the day in the Old Town, with some taking in sightseeing, others gathering in the bars [redacted]
where at its peak reached 250+.



Phase 2 (During the match)

[redacted] blue pyro ignited within the [redacted] section upon [redacted]. A further pyro was ignited [redacted]
[redacted] a further blue pyro was ignited at the final whistle.

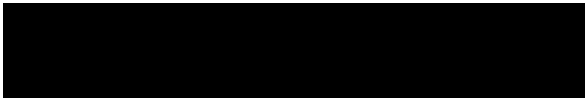




Phase 3 (Post-match)

No issues.





Match summary

Manchester City v Sparta Prague

Wed 23/10/2024, 20:00

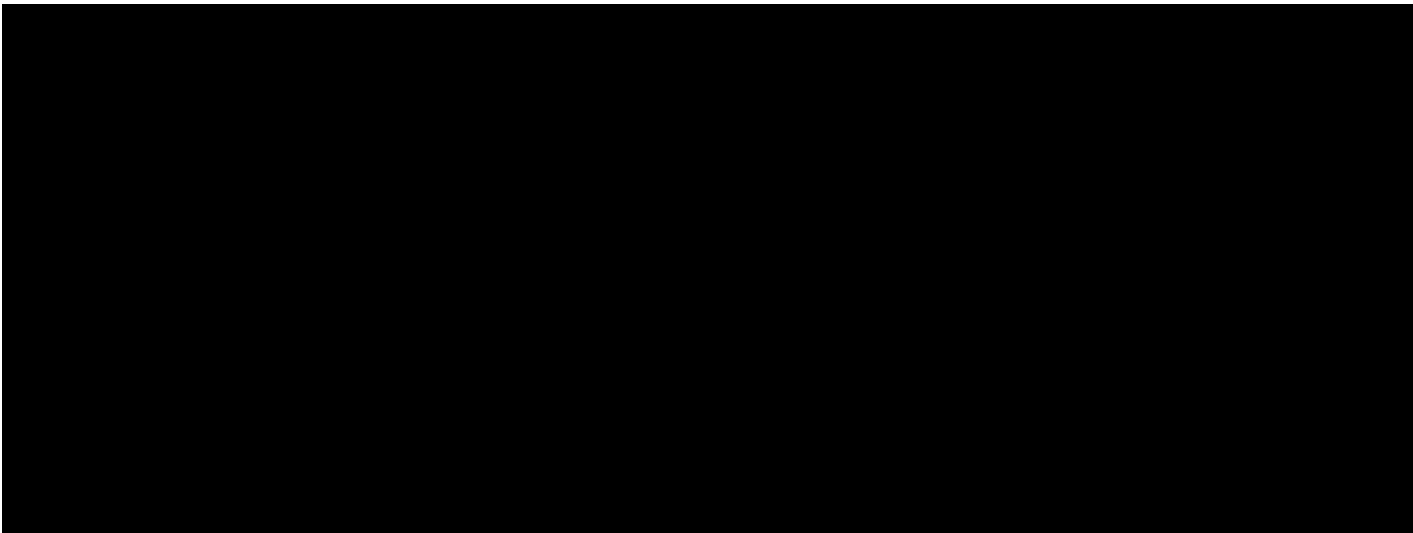
Match Details

Fixture

Date	23/10/2024
Day	Wednesday
Kickoff time	20:00
Match category	MEDIUM
Competition	Champions League
TV fixture	Yes
Score	5 - 0

Attendance

Home attendance	49,973
Away attendance	1,439
Total attendance	51,412
Number of away coaches	20



[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



Match summary

Manchester City v Sparta Prague

Wed 23/10/2024, 20:00

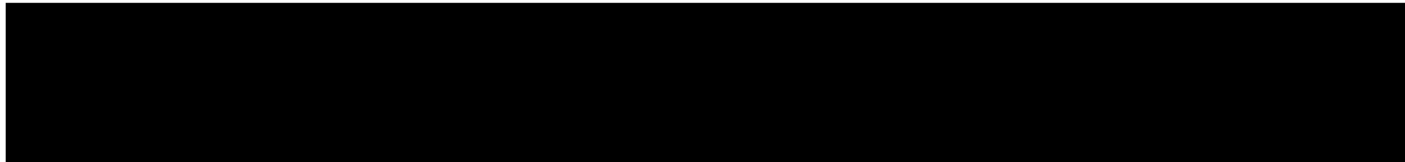
Home resume

Phase 1 (Pre-match)

Manchester City versus Sparta Praha
UEFA Champions League group stage fixture (MD3)
Wednesday 23rd October 2024
Category -Medium risk
Expected attendance - 52,700.
Visitors -1,800 (2,700 ticket allocation)
TV- TNT Sports
Weather - dry



Pre-match



There was NO fan walk / march and so no real gathering in the city centre.
Those supporters we did see, or meet had been shopping and sightseeing.



[REDACTED]

Several persons drinking from bottles of spirits amongst the [REDACTED] supporter coaches on the [REDACTED] coach park.

[REDACTED]

1 overland coach, 8 supporter coaches / shuttles for the charter flights.

8 [REDACTED] supporters refused entry [REDACTED]

3 [REDACTED] supporters ejected, [REDACTED]

Phase 2 (During the match)

Goaded along both lower segregation lines led to several small items [REDACTED] reportedly being thrown [REDACTED]

Further arrest of a [REDACTED] supporter for [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Towards the [REDACTED] minute police have ejected a [REDACTED] supporter [REDACTED] [REDACTED] which has led to several other supporters becoming confrontational and there has been reports of spitting [REDACTED] [REDACTED] supporter arrested [REDACTED]

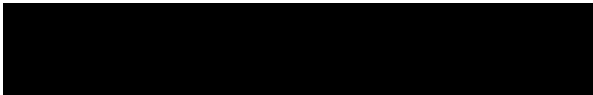
[REDACTED]

At the final whistle, most of the Sparta Praha supporters have remained behind for 10-15 minutes to applaud the team. Team coming across to show their appreciation. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Phase 3 (Post-match)

Group of 20 – 25 [REDACTED] back into the city centre without issue. No other issues.



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Manchester City v Sparta Prague

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Away Resume

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Phase 2 (During the match)

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Phase 3 (Post-match)

Nothing to report

