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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/015097/R

I write in connection with your request for information dated 11/07/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

- A. Do vehicle pursuits require authorisation?***
- B. If so, why do they require this and what considerations are made?***
- C. What are the different risks statuses in a pursuit and what do they mean?***

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.

- A. Yes. Authorisation is required. However, in certain circumstances officers can self-authorise a pursuit, such as a spontaneous incident.
- B. Authorising officers are usually stationed in the radio room. They will have oversight of the force and understand what resources are available to bring the pursuit to a safe conclusion.
- C. Pursuits are risk assessed by the officer involved in the pursuit and it will be their judgement as to how much risk is presented. Usually, it is placed into a Low, Medium or High Risk. However, the officer will determine what scenario falls into each category.

Further information about pursuits can be located on the College of Policing website.