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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/015035/D

I write in connection with your request for information dated 30/06/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I am requesting the force's policy on the issue of custody photos of convicts.

Specifically:

- 1) Are custody photos published on the force's web site? Do they remain there indefinitely?***
- 2) Are there restrictions on who custody photos are made available to? Can any member of the public request them? Can press organisations?***
- 3) What criteria are used in determining the release/publication of a custody photo of a person charged with/convicted of an offence? Is there a minimum sentence length requirement for photo publication? Please include every requirement in your response.***

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.

1. Yes, if connected to a story and the image can be released. Not all images remain online indefinitely.
2. Restrictions - **Yes**
Public requests – **No**, however the public can request access to their own custody image if one is held via our Subject Access Team. [Request information | Greater Manchester Police](#)
Press – **Yes**.
3. Each request/publication is assessed on a case by case basis.