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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/015119/G

I write in connection with your request for information dated 15/07/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I am investigating a fire that occurred at [REDACTED] on 4 April 2025. I have been appointed by the insurer of the neighbouring property ([REDACTED]) to investigate the cause of the fire. I would like to ask the following questions and I appreciate that the Police Service may not be able to release any or all of the information.

- Was there any evidence to indicate the fire was started deliberately or through negligent behaviour?*
- Is an investigation into the fire ongoing?*
- Were any charges brought against any individuals in connection to the fire?*

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 the information as an exemption applies.

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.

This request is exempted from disclosure under **Section 40(2) Personal Information** – this information constitutes personal data of an identifiable living individual/s, and to disclose this information would breach the principles of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and 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 with no requirement to complete a public interest test.

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