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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/014670/U

I write in connection with your request for information dated 25/04/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

- 1. How many police officers serving with your force had a complaint of domestic violence made against them in each of the last three calendar years (i) 2022, (ii) 2023 and (iii) 2024?*
- 2. In (i) how many of these cases was disciplinary action taken against the officer and (ii) was some sort of disciplinary sanction imposed on the officer?*
- 3. For each case where a sanction was imposed please detail what this sanction was.*

NOTE: To clarify, this request concerns accusations of domestic violence committed by police officers in their private lives, not how they handle domestic violence cases in the course of their duties.

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police (GMP) to locate information relevant to your request. I can confirm that the information you have requested is held by GMP. However, I am not obliged to supply you with 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. The information

you have requested in questions 2 and 3 is exempt from disclosure by virtue of the following exemption: **Section 40(2) – Personal Information.**

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 1998 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 information you have requested in question 1 is not exempt and is subject to the following **CAVEATS:**

Cases recorded as a public complaint or conduct case between 1/1/22 – 31/12/24.

Excludes sexual allegations.

Includes special constables.

Not all cases will relate to a criminal allegation.

Not all cases will have concluded.

Uses the following definition of Domestic Abuse - The UK government's definition of domestic violence is 'any incident or pattern of incidents of controlling, coercive, threatening behaviour, violence or abuse between those aged 16 or over who are, or have been, intimate partners or family members regardless of gender or sexuality.

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 - i. 2022 - 47
 - ii. 2023 - 49
 - iii. 2024 – 55
2. Exempt under S40, see above.
3. Exempt under S40, see above.