



Date: 11/06/2025
Our ref: 01/FOI/25/014759/C

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/014759/C

I write in connection with your request for information dated 14/05/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Context

I have just received correspondence from the Information Commissioner (IC) about a previous FOI I sent to GMP. Attached is the correspondence I received. The IC's reference number was IC-343482-Q9F8 - the original reference of my FOI was FOI/24/012859/Y.

UKCT is seeking more information from GMP about Wuhan Ministry of Public Security's (MPS) visit to Manchester in early 2019.

Request

- 1. Please provide the "several correspondences" that were "retrieved" during the GMP's search for information within the scope of my previous FOI (references above) and referred to in the GMP's correspondence with the IC (see attached).*
- 2. Please provide the invitation sent to GMP by the Xinhua Chinese Association and all other correspondence with this group from January 2019 to January 2020.*
- 3. Please provide any other information that was retrieved during the GMP's search for information within the scope of my previous FOI (references above) that relates to the visiting Wuhan MPS delegation's "pre-arranged schedule"*

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 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. Where redactions occur in the attached documents it is because that information 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.

Please see the attached documents which address parts 1 and 2 of your request. Regarding part 3 of your request, GMP hold no information relating to Wuhan Police's schedule.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Re:Invite to Wuhan Police Delegation - June 2019
Date: 15 May 2019 11:22:59

Hi [REDACTED]

The Chief has a personal commitment on Saturday 1st June so I would send a polite decline. There is a note in Ian's diary to meet with the Wuhan Police colleagues on morning of 3 June so will get to meet with them.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | PA to Ian Hopkins QPM, Chief Constable | Greater Manchester Police

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 15 May 2019 09:57
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Re:Invite to Wuhan Police Delegation - June 2019

[REDACTED],

Would the Chief be interested in meeting the Chinese delegation on 1st June at the Consulate Generals house? We are planning a day for them to visit GMP anyway so could arrange a meet when they are here if he doesn't want to go but does want to meet them.

I have replied to [REDACTED] thanking her for the invitation and that I would check his availability
Ta!

[REDACTED]

Detective Sergeant [REDACTED]
Staff Officer to the Deputy Chief Constable
Chief Officer Team

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 08 May 2019 15:56
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re:Invite to Wuhan Police Delegation - June 2019

Hi [REDACTED],

So nice to get to know each other via email and thank you for your email.

Wuhan police team would like to talk about GMP junior police officer training program in Wuhan and Mr. Hopkins's visit to Wuhan in November. They also wish to learn about your experience in big event security operations. Should you be able to arrange them for a site visit, it would be even better given their junior rankings.

I am not sure whether it is proper for me to pursue our invite to Mr. Hopkins on June 1st to our CG's residence to meet with Wuhan police team?

Thanks for your efforts in putting together a program for Wuhan police team and look forward to hearing from you.

Cheers,

Director for Political and Press Affairs
Consulate General of the People's Republic of China in Manchester

Denison House
71 Denison Road
Rusholme
Manchester M14 5RX
U.K.

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From: [REDACTED]
Date: Wed, May 8, 2019 07:52 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re:Invite to Wuhan Police Delegation - June 2019

Good morning [REDACTED],

I work alongside [REDACTED] and have been asked to assist in organising the delegations visit to GMP. I am aware that after a recent meeting between Chief Constable Hopkins and Consul General Zheng Xiyuan were keen to explore community engagement opportunities between GMP and the Chinese community in Manchester.

With this in mind, as a draft at this stage and depending on timings, we would look to organise inputs on GMP from a strategic perspective, current community engagement activity (I know the Chief would be very keen to hear from the delegates some advice and ideas on how to build on our current work) and any other topics the delegates would be interested in.

Please can you speak with the delegates and find out what they would like and I can start planning and we can discuss the finer details and timings in due course.

Looking forward to hearing from you soon.

Regards

[REDACTED]
Detective Sergeant [REDACTED]
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 29 April 2019 11:33
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re:Invite to Wuhan Police Delegation - June 2019

Dear [REDACTED],

Again many thanks for your invite to Wuhan police delegation.

We were just approached by Wuhan delegation requesting you to attach their namelist and visit itinerary to the invite bearing GMP letter head for internal approval purposes. Their visit itinerary is as follows:

May 31, Arrival and meeting with local Chinese communities

June 1, Join rehearsal and press release of Dragon Boat Race
June 2, Dragon Boat Race Day
June 3, Visit GMP headquarter and depart for China in the afternoon
Attached please find their namelist. Many thanks in advance.
Best,

Director for Political and Press Affairs
Consulate General of the People's Republic of China in Manchester

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U.K.

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From: [REDACTED]
Date: Tue, Apr 16, 2019 08:04 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Invite to Wuhan Police Delegation - June 2019

Dear [REDACTED],
Please find attached a letter for your attention from Chief Constable Ian Hopkins.
Kind regards,

[REDACTED]
Chief of Staff
Chief Constable's Office
Greater Manchester Police

Postal Address:

Greater Manchester Police, Openshaw Complex Lawton Street, Openshaw, Manchester

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Thank you for your co-operation.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 30 May 2019 17:09
To: Ian Hopkins CC
Subject: Sunday 2 June - Launch of the Dragon Boat Race
Attachments: scan_20190528140356.pdf

[REDACTED]

From: Ian Hopkins CC
Sent: 26 April 2019 17:21
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: keep free for Wuhan Police
Attachments: keep free for Wuhan Police

[REDACTED], what is happening with this, do you know?

I have no details and [REDACTED] is trying to take over the time for another meeting

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | [PA to Ian Hopkins QPM, Chief Constable | Greater Manchester Police](#)

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 28 May 2019 13:59
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Formal Invitation to UK Chinese Dragon Boat Festival 2019

Hello [REDACTED]

Thank you for taking my call just now.

I would like to confirm that Chief Constable Ian Hopkins would be delighted to attend the launch of the Dragon Boat Race on Sunday 2 June 2019. He will be attending with [REDACTED] and needs to leave by 12.30pm due to another commitment.

With regards to the invitation on Monday 3 June for the Chinese Banquet Celebration I am afraid he isn't able to attend this.

Kindest regards

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] | PA to Ian Hopkins QPM, Chief Constable | Greater Manchester Police
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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14 MAY 2019

CHIEF CONSTABLE



Xinhua Chinese Association
67 Ayres Road, Old Trafford
Manchester M16 9NH
The United Kingdom

Website: www.xca.org.uk

Dear Ian Hopkins QPM,

Re: Formal Invitation to UK Chinese Dragon Boat Festival 2019

I am writing to cordially invite you to the **UK Chinese Dragon Boat Festival 2019** held at **MediaCityUK, Salford Quays on Sunday 2ND June 2019** at the opening ceremony.

This annual event is organised by the Xinhua Chinese Association (XCA). I am the Chairman of the XCA and on behalf of our members, I would like invite you to come and experience this popular Chinese cultural event. Our members mostly came to the UK for academic reasons. Having successfully settled in the UK as working professionals, this high profile event helps our members promote traditional Chinese culture in the UK and is a great platform for them to showcase an event such as this in their local community.

We have excellent support from Salford Council last year and other number of local Mayors, councillors, communities, businesses and media. China Central Television (CCTV) and Phoenix Television broadcasts the event live in China. We are also much honored to be supported by the attendance of the Consulate-General of the People's Republic of China. This will be the Seventh year of the festival held at Salford Quays and it is one of the largest events of its kind in Europe. We're hoping it will be the most successful event yet.

Every year, there were around 30 dragon boat teams to compete in the race and an audience of over ten thousand. You can enjoy the many dragon boat races, the traditional festival foods such as Zongzi, the wonderful martial arts displays, Chinese folk dancing and the ancient Lion Dance. The event is an opportunity to develop relationships, whilst experiencing this ancient cultural event. The centre piece of the Dragon Boat Festival is the Dragon Boat Race itself. The races are highly

competitive, colourful and exciting. Altogether, a fantastic opportunity to experience authentic Chinese culture.

We are very elated to be able to put on such a vibrant and elaborate event for the seventh year. In 2019, the event will be staged again at MediaCityUK. The detailed information is as follows:

Date: 2nd June 2019, Sunday

Venue: Dock 9, Huron Basin, MediaCityUK, M50 2EQ

Activities:

10:30am	Arrival of VIP guests
11:00am	Opening ceremony with VIP speeches
11:40am	Dragon Boat Race, Chinese cultural attractions
16:30pm	Closing Ceremony and Award presentation

There will also be **VIP parking** to make your visit as easy as possible for this exciting event on the day. Please feel free to contact us if there are any other questions you'd like to ask about either of the events.

We would also like to take this opportunity to invite you to join the Chinese Banquet Celebration party on the following day. The details are as follows:

Date: 3rd June 2019, Monday

Time: 18:30 – 20:30

Address: Pin Wei Chinese Restaurant, 28 Princess Street, Manchester M1 4LB

Daytime in
London for
Gordon's inclusion

In order to offer the best service of our event, please kindly confirm your presence with the event co-ordinate [REDACTED]

We are really looking forward to this year's UK Chinese Dragon Boat Festival and we hope it's successful for spectators as well as race participants. Looking forward to hearing from soon.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Chairman of the Xinhua Chinese Associatio



UK Chinese Dragon Boat Festival 2019 Agenda

Date: Sunday 2nd June, 2019

Venue: Huron Basin, MediaCityUK, Salford, M50 2EQ

Time	Activities
09:30-10:00	Dragon Boat Team Registration: Release of Team T-shirts & Flags
10:20-10:30	Team Leader Safety Briefing
10:30	Arrival of VIP guests
10:40	Team Entrance - Led by Dragon Dance
10:45	Dragon Boat Teams and VIP Guests Group photo
10:55-11:00	Traditional Chinese Lion Dance
11:00-11:20	Opening Ceremony & Speeches
11:20	Ribbon Cutting Ceremony & Start of Performances
11:40	Start of Dragon Boat Race
15:30-16:00	Results of Dragon Boat Festival Prize Draw
16:00	Dragon Boat Teams Re-group (Without Grand Final Teams)
16:15	Grand Final of Dragon Boat Race
16:30	Closing Ceremony / Trophy and Medals Presentation