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Our ref: FOI/25/014903/S

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/25/014903/S

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

Further to Rochdale Borough Council's FOI response dated [insert today's date], I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to ExcluSec Group Ltd, a private security provider that has entered into a direct agreement with GMP regarding the use of the Airwave radio system.

Please provide the following:

Does ExcluSec Group Ltd currently hold, or has it ever held, a TEA2 sub-licence or other form of authorisation to access and operate Airwave radio communication within the GMP jurisdiction?

If yes:

On what date was the licence issued, and what is its current status (active/expired/revoked)?

What channels, talk groups, or operational permissions does this access include?

Was the licence issued specifically in relation to their contract with Rochdale Borough Council?

Was GMP aware or notified that ExcluSec had deployed staff who had not yet received NPPV Level 2 clearance (i.e., were still awaiting vetting), and if so:

On what dates did this occur?

Were any such staff lone working during this time while also having access to Airwave?

Did GMP raise any security or operational concerns in response?

What is GMP's policy regarding third-party contractors (e.g., private CCTV or security staff) having access to Airwave or sensitive police-linked communications prior to obtaining NPPV2 clearance?

Please provide any correspondence, vetting policies, or compliance documents that relate specifically to ExcluSec's use of Airwave, or to vetting issues affecting their deployment under the Rochdale CCTV contract.

If any part of this request is exempt, please clearly state the exemption applied and explain why it is considered appropriate.

I would prefer the information in electronic format.

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 not held by GMP.

GMP do not have any records relating to ExcluSec Group Ltd.