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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/014474/S

I write in connection with your request for information dated 25/03/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I would like to know when the first GMP shoulder number was established and which numbers fell into this and over what period? till the present day.

Example – number 0-2000 from A year to B year etc.

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 some of the information requested is held by GMP.

From April 1974 officers would have been provided a 4 digit shoulder number. Approximately early 2000's was when the introduction of the 5 digit shoulder number began.

Shoulders numbers are reused over a period of inactivity.

For all other information on the history, please contact GMP's museum, or alternatively pay them a visit to learn more along with much more historical information.

<https://gmpmuseum.co.uk/>