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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/015498/E

I write in connection with your request for information dated 16/09/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Please treat this as a request for recorded information under the Freedom of Information Act (or EIR where applicable). For your non-residential estate (stations, hubs, HQ, control rooms, workshops, training centres), please provide:

Definitions: "Estate" = buildings you own/lease/operate for service delivery (exclude private residential addresses of staff and covert locations). "Access audit" = accessibility audit under Equality Act guidance. Timeframe anchor date: 16/09/2025

- 1. Condition surveys: most recent estate-wide or building-level condition survey conducted since 1 Jan 2019: dates, sites covered, and any summary/executive report. If none since that date, give the last known survey date or confirm none held.*
- 2. Access audits (1 Jan 2022–present): dates, report titles/refs, and number of sites audited per year. If tracked in a register, a summary export (counts per year) is sufficient.*
- 3. Site plans currency: name of the system/repository (e.g., [CAD package]/[GIS]/[CAFM]); the documented policy on keeping plans current (provide the policy if held); and the date of the last recorded review/update confirming currency/accuracy.*
- 4. M&E asset register: confirm existence; system name; date last updated; whether condition and/or criticality fields are recorded; approx. total count of maintainable assets; and any field list/data dictionary (if held).
(I am not requesting detailed asset locations or security-sensitive content.)*

Format: CSV/XLSX for data; PDF for documents/policies (no scans where possible).

Section 12 & advice: If the scope risks exceeding the s.12 cost limit, please advise under s.16 how I could refine (e.g., limit to HQ + top 5 sites, provide summaries, or shorter date ranges).

Held on your behalf: If any information is held by a contractor on your behalf, please obtain and disclose it.

Exemptions: If applying exemptions, please cite the specific section and release any remainder in redacted form.

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 you with all the information held as exemptions apply.

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 executive summary of the condition survey that you have requested in question 1 is exempt from disclosure by virtue of the following exemptions: **Section 31(1)(a)(b) – Law Enforcement** and **Section 43(2) – Commercial Interests**.

Section 31 is a qualified and prejudice-based exemption and as such, subject to a harm and public interest test. Section 38 is a qualified and class-based exemption and is subject to a public interest test.

Evidence of Harm

To disclose the executive summary of the condition reports would make public the layout of operational police buildings and cause subsequent harm to GMP and its ability to protect members of staff as well as members of the public. By disclosing the layout of the building, this could leave the building vulnerable to potential criminals and terrorists, thus in turn leaving staff members and members of the public vulnerable to attacks and disruption in the area. On a national level, criminals and terrorists would be able to identify specific areas of the building and use this knowledge to their own advantage by targeting GMP. This would result in harm and disruption to members of staff as well as members of the public. The disclosure of information is likely to undermine GMP's ability to protect members of staff and members of the public, as it would be likely that the layout would allow criminals and terrorist to try and exploit any weaknesses.

Public Interest Test

Factors in Favour of Disclosure – S31

The disclosure of this information would lead to public awareness on the condition of GMP's operational estate and what public money is spent on regarding building maintenance.

Factors against Disclosure – S31

The disclosure of information that reveals the layout of operational buildings would compromise the building, members of staff and members of the public. Information released under the Freedom of Information Act is considered a release into the public domain, thus this disclosure may lead to criminals and potential terrorists being able to target and locate sensitive areas of the building leaving the estate vulnerable to attack. This would lead to members of staff and members of the public subject to harm from potential threats.

Factors in Favour of Disclosure – S43

The disclosure of this information would increase public knowledge of the costs of remedial works needed to GMP buildings. It would also increase transparency and openness.

Factors Against Disclosure – S43

To disclose the executive summaries would prejudice the commercial interests of GMP by influencing supplier bidding strategies, potentially impacting value for money. Furthermore, the information in the condition survey is part of a confidential commercial relationship between GMP and the supplier who conducted the survey.

Balance Test

Whilst there is a public interest in the transparency on how public funds are spent on the police buildings and ensuring that it is spent appropriately and efficiently there is a very strong public interest in the safeguarding of the members of staff, members of the public and the building from criminals and potential terrorists. It is also not in the public interest to release information that is commercially sensitive and would hinder GMP's future negotiating position. Therefore, it is in our opinion that the balance of the public interest test favours withholding the information.

In accordance with the Act, this letter represents a refusal notice for this part of your request.

The rest of your request is not exempt and is provided below.

1. Condition surveys were last conducted in 2021. The rest of the information requested in this question is exempt under S31 and S43. Please see above.
2. This information is not held by GMP.
3. ACAD and CAFM system. Drawings updated following refurbishment works as required.
4. Limited asset register for major items with condition and criticality in spreadsheet format.