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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/015606/Q

I write in connection with your request for information dated 06/10/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Please provide the following information for the period 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2025, broken down by financial year:

- 1) Total expenditure by the police force on pest control services, including both in-house provision and external/contracted services.***
- 2) If any services are contracted out, please provide the supplier name(s) and the contract value(s).***
- 3) The number of call-outs/treatments by species category (e.g. rats, mice, pigeons, gulls, foxes, grey squirrels, wasps, bedbugs, cockroaches—please use your own categories if recorded differently).***
- 4) For any lethal control commissioned or carried out by the force, the number of animals killed by species and, where recorded, the method used (e.g. trapping, poisoning, shooting).***
- 5) A copy of any policy, guidance, or standard operating procedure relating to the force's pest control service or contractors.***

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 the information you have requested as an exemption applies.

When refusing to provide such information because an exemption applies, Section 17(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires GMP, 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.

Questions 1 and 2 are exempt under **section 21 – Information accessible to applicant by other means**. The response to this request is available online. Please follow the link below.

Q1 - [Tenders and business | Greater Manchester Police](#) - A detailed spend by supplier can be found through the monthly transparency reports which details each item of expenditure over £500. This can be found from the link listed under Transparency on the About Us > Tenders and Business page.

Q2 - [Tenders and business | Greater Manchester Police](#) - Details of current contracts, that are visible for Freedom of Information, are available online through the Bluelight Police Database. A link is provided on the GMP website under About Us > Tenders and Business. The Bluelight Police Database is searchable, so a requestor can search under category to find any relevant contracts. By clicking into each contract relevant information such as start, end dates and estimated contract value can be found.

Suppliers can register free on the Bluelight e-tendering website, found at <https://bluelight.eu-supply.com/> to get access to new tender opportunities within the Emergency Services.

Question 3.

Data provided is the total number of call outs over the 5year period by each category

Description (Pest Control)	Total
Pest Control Other	1
Ants	87
Fleas/Biting insects	142
Flies	36
Mouse/Mice/Rats	142
Pigeon related	29
Rats (sighted)	23
Remove Dead Animal	25
Rodent traps to be emptied/replenished	9
Squirrel related	3
Wasp/bee	59
Fungal Treatment required	5

Questions 4 and 5.

No information held.