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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/25/015496/C

I write in connection with your request for information dated 15/09/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I request disclosure of any policy, training guidance, or procedural documents relating to the radio communication protocols that Greater Manchester Police officers are required to follow when reporting a “shots fired” incident over police communications.

Specifically, I am seeking to understand:

- 1. Whether officers are trained to use a standard phrase such as “Shots fired” or whether alternative wording is mandated.***
- 2. Whether officers are instructed to provide additional information, such as:***
 - Their callsign***
 - The number of shots fired***
 - Whether shots were discharged by police or another party • The condition of any suspect (e.g. “male down”) • Whether the firearm has been secured • Whether the scene is safe for paramedics to enter***

For clarity, I am not requesting transcripts of live incidents or sensitive operational tactics, only the standardised reporting procedure (if such a procedure exists).

***By way of example, the type of format I am referring to would be something like:
“[Callsign] – shots fired, [number of shots] by police, male down, firearm secure, scene clear for paramedics.”***

This example is illustrative only, so you understand the level of detail I am requesting.

Please confirm receipt of this request and provide the relevant material within the statutory timeframe.

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police (GMP) to locate the requested information. I can confirm the information requested is not held by GMP.

GMP do not have any relevant policies or documents relevant to this request.

Officers are not trained in the use of specific wording within the national curriculum.