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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/015509/Q

I write in connection with your request for information dated 17/09/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

There was a change in the way GMP logs the notifications of Registered Sex Offenders mid-2024.

- 1. I would like to know exactly when the new procedures came into force?***
- 2. what the new procedures are?***
- 3. what the old procedures were?***
- 4. and why the carbon copy book is no longer used?***
- 5. and the specific reasoning for this?.***
- 6. I would like to specifically know gmp procedures and policies for logging these notifications?***
- 7. and I would also like to know if notepads or scraps of paper can be used by staff to write down offenders details or whether they should bring the tablet out and input the information directly?***
- 8. If notepads or scraps of paper are used to write these sensitive details on what happens to the scraps of paper once the notification is input onto the SOMU System?***
- 9. Is there policies on these questions? If so, could I please have copies of them***

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.

1. The SOR App was brought into Force on a pilot in April 2024 before being rolled out force wide.
2. There are no new procedures.
3. Previously, a carbonated copy was completed and passed to the relevant unit for processing.

4. The old procedure had issues with delays caused by reasons such as hand writing not being able to be read accurately.
5. See above.
6. No GMP policy exists. The Sex Offender Requirements are written in law.
7. All recording should be made digitally, however if issues prevent this from happening, then details can be captured on paper.
8. All documents are to be recorded/disposed of according to GDPR standards.
9. No.