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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/015597/G

I write in connection with your request for information dated 03/10/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I am writing under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information in relation to the incident reported on 3 October 2025, at Heaton Park Hebrew Congregation in Manchester, in which two people died and one was reportedly mistakenly shot by police.

1. *I am requesting the body cam footage of this incident.*

If any parts of my request are exempt under FOI, please provide the non-exempt portions, and specify which exemptions you are relying upon. If some of this is more appropriately requested from another body (for example, IOPC or the Home Office), please advise and/or forward my request accordingly.

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police to locate information relevant to your request. I can confirm the information you have requested is held by Greater Manchester Police.

However, I am not obliged to supply this information held as exemptions apply. The request is exempt from disclosure by virtue of the following exemptions:

- **Section 30(1)(2)(a) – Investigations and Proceedings Conducted by Public Authorities**
- **Section 40(2) Personal Information**

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.

This request is exempted from disclosure under **Section 40(2) Personal Information** – this information constitutes personal data of an identifiable living individual/s, and to disclose this information would breach the principles of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018. Personal data is defined by Section 1 of the Data Protection Act 2018 and means data that relates to an individual who can be identified directly or indirectly from that data.

Section 40 is an absolute exemption with no requirement to complete a public interest test.

Section 30 is a class based qualified exemption; there is a requirement to carry out a public interest test, which can be found below.

Section 30 - Factors Favouring Disclosure

To disclose the information requested into the public domain would show GMP's accountability and satisfy the public that investigations into the incidents are being conducted.

Section 30 - Factors Favouring Non-Disclosure

Conversely to the factors in favour of disclosure, to publicly release the data that is related to investigations that remain open may seriously undermine GMP's ability to complete those investigations to a full and correct conclusion. The primary public interest is to protect the integrity of the investigation. Releasing information while a case is active could prejudice the collection of evidence, identify witnesses, or reveal investigative techniques.

Balancing Test

When balancing the public interest test GMP must consider whether the information should be released into the public domain, therefore arguments need to be weighed against each other. The most persuasive reason for disclosing the information would be the fact that disclosure would encourage transparency. This needs to be weighed against the strongest reason for non-disclosure, which in this case is the impact on GMP's ability to complete investigations to a full and correct conclusion.

Therefore, having considered all the factors for and against disclosure it is the decision at this time to maintain the above exemption and withhold the information from disclosure.