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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/25/015731/U

I write in connection with your request for information dated 27/10/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Under the FOI Act I request the following information.

In Gloucestershire if a suspect is arrested on a Saturday evening and released the next day (26 miles away from their arrest location) they are given a public travel pass to get home. This is then taken away when they ask for a taxi to be called at the suspect's expense as they say it is the police being nice and not a legal requirement.

I would like to know what your Force's policy is in regard to suspect's getting home if they are 26 miles from the arrest location and it is a Sunday when public transport may be limited.

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 held by GMP.

GMP custody staff have several options available upon release such as:

- Detainee can make own arrangements upon release.
- GMP can provide a "Bus Ticket" which is valid on all buses for 24 hours upon release. Approx.£7.50 per ticket.
- GMP provide a taxi booking upon release – circumstances dependent. Must be authorised by Custody Inspector.
- GMP Police Officers instructed to convey the detainee back to home address on a case by case basis. Decision made by the Custody Officer.
- Purchase of train/rail fares on a case by case basis. Must be authorised by Custody Inspector.