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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/015000/S

I write in connection with your request for information dated 25/06/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I hope this message finds you well. I am submitting a Freedom of Information request in relation to your organisation's contract register, procurement strategy, and key contact information.

1. Contract Register

Please provide a complete and current extract of your organisation's contract register or equivalent database. We are not asking you to compile new information or manually populate missing fields – we simply request the register in its existing form, preferably in Excel or CSV format.

Where available, we are particularly interested in the following fields (though this is not a strict requirement):

- **Contract Title**
- **Supplier Name**
- **Estimated Spend (Total or Annual)**
- **Contract Duration and Total Period (including extensions)**
- **Contract Start and Expiry Dates**
- **Review Date**
- **Contract Description**
- **Contract Owner (Name, Job Title, Contact Details if available)**

- **Contract Notes**
- **Managing Department**
- **Award Date**
- **Participating Organisations**
- **Procurement Category**
- **Framework or Tender References**
- **Central Purchasing Body**
- **Classification Codes (CPV, Pro-Class, etc.)**

Please don't spend time populating these fields if they aren't readily available – we welcome receiving the raw register as it exists in your system.

2. Total Number of Active Contracts

Please confirm the total number of contracts currently listed as active.

3. Procurement Strategy (2025/2026)

Please provide your organisation's Procurement Strategy for 2025/2026.

- **If this is part of a multi-year strategy (e.g., 2024–2028), please provide the most recent version covering 2025/2026 or indicate when this will be available.**

- **If any parts are redacted, please identify the redacted sections and the reason.**

4. Contact Information

If possible, please provide the name, job title, phone number, and email address for the following roles:

- **Responsible officer for API access or data sharing (if applicable)**
- **Individual managing the contract register**
- **Finance Director**
- **Head/Director of Procurement or Purchasing**
- **Head/Director of ICT**
- **Head of Estates and Facilities**
- **Relevant Committee Member, Councillor, or Board Member for Procurement/Finance**

If direct contact details are restricted due to GDPR, please indicate the best department or method of contact.

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.

The following exemptions are engaged:

Section 21 - Information reasonably accessible by other means

Section 22(1)(a) –Information intended for future publication.

Section 31(1)(a)(b) - Law Enforcement

The exemption applicable to **question 1** is **Section 21 - Information reasonably accessible by other means**. This is because the information is already freely available at: [Sell2](#)

Additionally, The exemption applicable to part of question 1 regarding the up to date list is **Section 22(1)(a) –Information intended for future publication**.

The intended publication for an up to date contract list via the Bluelight Portal is within 6 months. This will be on the below link.

[Sell2](#)

As the exemption used is a qualified exemption a public interest test (PIT) needs to be applied.

Factors Favouring Disclosure

Disclosure of the requested information at the present time would allow the public to have access to the information immediately, would enhance public knowledge of the subject and would promote the accountability and aid transparency of GMP.

Factors Favouring Non-Disclosure

Reviewing and formatting the data at the present time, in response to a Freedom of Information request, would be a duplication of work and would involve a disproportionate use of GMP resources and would not be an economical use of public funds. Additionally, should the data from the upcoming report be released prematurely, there is the possibility that it may contain inaccuracies if it has not been subject to full scrutiny procedures.

Balancing Test

When balancing the Public Interest Test, we must consider whether the Public Interest is best served by the release of the information into the public domain immediately or by the withholding of the information. Arguments need to be weighed against each other. The most persuasive reason for disclosure is the facilitation of transparency of GMP, which needs to be weighed against the strongest negative reason, which, in this case, is the disproportionate use of GMP resources and an uneconomical use of public funds.

Therefore, the stance at this time is that the requested data is exempt from disclosure in response to a Freedom of Information request due to its future official publication by GMP.

In accordance with the S17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, this letter acts as a Refusal Notice.

Any other contract information that is not published on the Blue light portal has been exempt from disclosure by virtue of the following exemption:

• Section 31(1)(a)(b) - Law Enforcement

Section 31 requires Harm and Public Interest Test, which can be found below.

Harm

The release of some contractual information specifically around contract description, supplier name and product used by Greater Manchester Police, could reveal capabilities available to the force and consequently give important information to those with criminal intent. The release of this information combined with detailed information readily available on the internet, would allow criminals to identify the strengths and weaknesses of our capabilities. They would be able to use information in planning terrorist and criminal acts.

The release of this information would therefore impact on the prevention and detection of crime, the apprehension of terrorists and criminals and increase the fear of crime in the community Greater Manchester Police seeks to serve.

Factors favouring disclosure

There is a public interest in knowing how public money is being spent in ensuring value for money both at the point of purchase, and also in respect of what those resources are to be used for.

Factors favouring non-disclosure

There is a strong public interest in ensuring Greater Manchester Police's effective law enforcement capability. Disclosure of supplier identities and product information together with contract descriptions would mean that individuals could research details about capabilities available to the force. This may allow terrorists and criminals the opportunity to assess strengths and any possible weaknesses of these capabilities. This would compromise law enforcement which could lead to more crime being committed and individuals being placed at risk. This information may also be used by criminals/terrorists in combination with other information they have gathered to try and disrupt law enforcement.

Balance test

It is my view that the public safety from non-disclosure is of greater importance than the advantage of public confidence from the disclosure of this information. Greater Manchester Police will not disclose information that could compromise the future law enforcement role of the force.

Having considered all the factors for and against disclosure, the reason against disclosure outweighs the reason for disclosure and so the decision at this time to maintain the above exemption and withhold the information from disclosure.

Question 3 is exempt under **Section 22(1)(a) –Information intended for future publication**. The intended publication is within the next 6 months. This will be on the below link via the GMP website.

[Tenders and business | Greater Manchester Police](#)

As the exemption used is a qualified exemption a public interest test (PIT) needs to be applied.

Factors Favouring Disclosure

Disclosure of the requested information at the present time would allow the public to have access to the information immediately, would enhance public knowledge of the subject and would promote the accountability and aid transparency of GMP.

Factors Favouring Non-Disclosure

Reviewing and formatting the strategy at the present time, in response to a Freedom of Information request, would be a duplication of work and would involve a disproportionate use of GMP resources and would not be an economical use of public funds. Additionally, should the information from the upcoming strategy report be released prematurely, there is the possibility that it may contain inaccuracies if it has not been subject to full scrutiny procedures.

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The remaining responses.

Question 2.

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Question 4.

Contact can be made via the details found on [Tenders and business | Greater Manchester Police](#)