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Our ref: 01/FOI/25/015245/L

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/015245/L**

I write in connection with your request for information dated 04/08/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

*Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I am writing to request disclosure of procedural and legal information relating to your redaction and publication process in respect of FOI request:*

*FOI Ref: 01/FOI/25/014688/E*

*Background: The published FOI response includes selective redactions. Specifically, the name of the requester has been redacted, yet all associated identifiers such as titles and pseudonyms [REDACTED] were retained in full.*

*Given the document remains publicly indexed, and requested via a public platform, and includes direct self-identification markers without personal address or contact information, I am seeking clarification regarding:*

**FOI Request – Information Sought**

- 1. Redaction Policy or Criteria: Please provide GMP's written internal policy, procedural guidance, or training documentation that governs the redaction of names in FOI responses prior to publication on your disclosure log.*
- 2. Redaction Decision Justification: Please confirm the specific statutory exemption under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 used to justify redacting the name of the requestor in FOI Ref 01/FOI/25/014688/E, and explain why no similar redaction was applied to the self-identifiers or titles included in the same submission.*

3. *Redaction/Disclosure Audit Trail - Please provide the internal audit trail for this published document, including:*
  - a. *The date on which the redaction decision was finalised*
  - b. *The job title or rank (not name) of the officer or team responsible for authorising publication*
  - c. *Whether a redaction schedule or checklist was created (if so, please provide a copy)*
4. *Consultation With Legal or External Parties - Please confirm whether any legal advice, consultation with internal departments (e.g., Information Compliance, Legal Services), or external agencies was sought in relation to redacting or retaining any part of the content of this document.*
5. *Third-Party Consideration - Please confirm whether any third-party representation or concern prompted the redaction (e.g., media monitoring, political office, or national security liaison)—without disclosing personal data, inasmuch as to remain under the remit of the FOIA 2000 Act.*

*Legal Basis and Rationale - This request is made under:*

*Section 1 FOIA 2000 – Right of Access to Non-Personal Information*

*Section 16 FOIA 2000 – Duty to Advise and Assist*

*FOIA Code of Practice on Publication Schemes and Proactive Disclosure*

*The scope of this request is strictly limited to institutional conduct and policy regarding document preparation and redaction of FOI disclosures.*

*I am not requesting access to personal data or internal HR matters, and no part of this request should be deemed exempt under Section 40.*

*Preferred Format - Please provide your response in a digital format, preferably PDF, via this contact address or directly via [WhatDoTheyKnow.com](https://www.whatdotheyknow.com) in accordance with your existing publication practice.*

### **Result of Searches**

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

1. This information is not held by GMP. GMP do not have a redaction policy.
2. This publication has been reviewed and removed and republished with further redactions.
3.
  - a. 23/05/2025
  - b. Records Management Assistants

- c. This information is not held. A redaction schedule or checklist is not required to be completed.
- 4. No consultation took place.
- 5. No third-party consideration was made.