

Date: 16/09/2025
Our ref: 01/FOI/25/015362/P

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/015362/P

I write in connection with your request for information dated 18/08/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

1. Did Chief Constable Stephen Watson, or any other senior officer within GMP, formally refer the individual officers involved in the arrest, detention, and custody of Zayna Iman (2021) to the Independent Office for Police Conduct (IOPC)?

2. If so, please provide:* The date(s) of referral(s)

* The names or badge numbers of the officers referred (or anonymised identifiers if necessary)

* The nature of the allegations referred

* Any correspondence between GMP and the IOPC confirming receipt and scope of the referral

3. If no such referral was made, please confirm:* Whether GMP considered referring the officers individually

* The rationale for not doing so

* Whether GMP believes the IOPC is currently investigating the conduct of any individual officers involved in this case

This request concerns matters of significant public interest, including allegations of serious misconduct and institutional accountability. I would appreciate a response within the statutory 20 working days.

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 all the information as an exemption applies.

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.

Both questions 1 and 2 are exempted from disclosure under **Section 40(2) Personal Information** – Providing 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.

Additionally, GMP take all complaints seriously, and while the case in question may have received wide public exposure, to comment further could hinder any ongoing investigations that may be ongoing internally or externally.

At the same time, as the request does not contain personal information about yourself, maintaining **S40 – Personal Information** would always be our stance for this type of request.

I have located information in the public domain which reference two referrals to the IPOC from GMP which may be of use.

[GMP comment following television report on custody | Greater Manchester Police](#)

[Police watchdog launches investigation into woman's claim she was sexually assaulted in custody | UK News | Sky News](#)