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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/25/014641/P

I write in connection with your request for information dated 22/04/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Thank you for your recent reply.

Further FOI query about this statistical data disclosed which I have attached.

1) In respect of the Sergeant rank who were ill health retired how many of those aged 55 and above on the day they exited GMP and ceased to be a serving police officer DID NOT receive an element of enhancement available from the potential 7/60th available under the 1987 Police Pension Scheme because they had reached their CRA for their rank ?

2) Similarly, for the Chief Inspector rank, how many of these officers aged 55 and above but below 60 on the day they exited Police Scotland and ceased to be a serving police officer received an element of enhancement out of the available 7/60th up to their hypothetical 30 yr service point ?

3) Is GMP using the pre-2006 CRA's for specific ranks when it comes to calculating the IHR enhancement under the PPS scheme and if so what are those ages where the hypothetical cut off point is applied for any enhancement?

4) A Chief Inspector who would have 30 yrs pensionable service completed at age 57 but is ill health retired at 56yrs old as shown in your table - did they receive any of the 7/60th enhancement available as their CRA is 60 ?

5) The same officer in 4) only this time they were a Sergeant who would have 30 yrs pensionable service completed at age 57 but is ill health retired at 55 yrs old and 1 day - do they receive any of the 7/60th enhancement available OR do they receive nothing as they are over the CRA for their rank ?

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 some of the information requested is held by GMP. However, I am not obliged to provide all the information requested as 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.

The exemption which applies to **questions 1, 2 and 4** are:

Section 40(2) – Personal Information

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

Due to low numbers returned, the response to questions 1, 2 and 4 have been exempt from disclosure under Section 40(2) Personal Information – this information constitutes personal data of an identifiable living individual, 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.

Question 3

Answer is yes, under the rank of inspector - aged 55, over the rank of inspector aged 60.

Question 5

This question is invalid under the Freedom of Information Act. This is because section 84 of FOIA relates to recorded information held by a public authority and that it does not extend to providing explanations or opinions to hypothetical questions unless the answers are already held in a recorded form. "Information is defined in section 84 of the Act as 'information recorded in any form'. The Act therefore only extends to requests for recorded information. It does not require public authorities to answer questions generally; only if they already hold the answers in recorded form.