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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/016239/M

I write in connection with your request for information dated 23/03/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

This is a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please provide copies of the currently applicable force-level policies, guidance, or procedural documents (or links to them, if publicly available) that set out:

1. *How allegations of corruption, serious misconduct, or collusion are to be:*
 - A. *recorded,*
 - B. *assessed,*
 - C. *and routed for investigation or referral;*
2. *The roles and responsibilities of:*
 - A. *Professional Standards Departments,*
 - B. *anti-corruption units,*
 - C. *or equivalent internal functions,**when such allegations are received from members of the public.*

This request is limited strictly to policy and guidance documents.

It does not seek:

1. *emails,*
2. *case files,*
3. *complaint logs,*
4. *personal data,*
5. *or records relating to specific allegations or individuals.*

If the information is already published, please provide a direct link.

If any part of this request is refused, please:

1. *specify the exact exemption relied upon, and*

2. *explain why section 16 (advice and assistance) could not be used to enable disclosure.*

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police to locate information relevant to your request. I can confirm that the information you have requested is held by Greater Manchester Police. However, I am not obliged to supply the information you have requested as exemptions apply.

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 requested information is exempt under **Section 21 – Information accessible to applicant by other means.**

The information you have requested is covered by GMP's Reporting Concerns Policy. This has been [published on our website in response to a previous Freedom of Information Request](#).

There are several publicly available, nationally issued resources that govern how GMP's Anti-Corruption Unit and Professional Standards Directorate operate:

- Independent Office of Police Conduct (IOPC) Guidance - [Complaints | Independent Office for Police Conduct \(IOPC\)](#)
- IOPC Statutory Guidance - [Statutory guidance - 2020 | Independent Office for Police Conduct \(IOPC\)](#)
- College of Police Approved Professional Practice - [Professional standards | College of Policing](#)
- Police (Complaints and Misconduct) Regulations 2020 - [The Police \(Complaints and Misconduct\) Regulations 2020](#)
- Police Reform Act (2002) - [Police Reform Act 2002](#)
- Home Office Statutory Guidance - [Home Office Statutory Guidance 0502.pdf](#)