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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/016266/P

I write in connection with your request for information dated 29/01/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

- 1. Request all planning documents, including Bronze 1 Deployment Plans and Operational Order and any documents (not including emails) in relation to Remembrance Parade November 2021*
- 2. I request all planning documents including Silver Minutes, Operational Order, Risk Assessment, Deployment Plans in relation to the Courteeners Concert at Lancs County Cricket on 25th September 2021*
- 3. I request all planning documents including Silver Minutes, Operational Order, Risk Assessment, Deployment Plans in relation to MUFC v Young Boys 8th December 2021*

I also note your clarification, received by GMP on 25/02/2026:

As my twenty working days are almost up, please can I request that if these minutes can't be sent in the next 48 hours then please send all the other requested information and the minutes can follow hopefully next week.

It should take no more than 15 minutes to get the outstanding minutes

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 you with the information as an exemption applies.

The information requested exempt under **Section 14(1) - Vexatious Requests**.

The Freedom of Information Act is a piece of legislation designed to give the public access to information held by public authorities. It exists to make the decisions of those authorities transparent and to keep the public better informed regarding matters which affect them.

A public authority can refuse requests which can divert resources away from more deserving requests and other public business or threaten to undermine the credibility of the freedom of information system. It is recognised that dealing with unreasonable requests can place a strain on resources and get in the way of delivering mainstream services.

When identifying potentially vexatious requests the indicators contained within the Information Commissioner's guidance on Section 14(1) should be considered. In this case we feel the following indicator applies to your request: **Burden on the Authority**. [How do we consider burden, motive and harassment? | ICO](#)

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 14(1) of FOIA a request deemed as overly burdensome does not oblige GMP to comply with a request for information. The Information Commissioner's Office confirms within their guidance that they consider there to be a high threshold for refusing a request on such grounds if there is a viable case in line with the below recommendations:

- 1) The requester has asked for a substantial volume of information and
- 2) The authority has real concerns about potentially exempt information, which it will be able to substantiate if asked to do so by the ICO and
- 3) Any potentially exempt information cannot easily be isolated because it is scattered throughout the requested material.

As such, your request is being refused due to the amount of time required to review and prepare the information for disclosure, which would impose a grossly oppressive burden on GMP. To provide the data requested would involve manual review and redactions to a large number of documents so they do not contain intelligence, operationally sensitive material or personal information which could identify directly or indirectly a living human therefore Section 31(1)(a)(b) - Law Enforcement, Section 40(2) - Personal Information and Section 41(1) – Information Provided In Confidence will be engaged.