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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/016545/T

I write in connection with your request for information dated 10/03/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Why are they sharia law guards chasing people in the streets of Manchester and the police are just letting it happen?

https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fyoutu.be%2F4s9eVHQ_Zgc%3Fsi%3DjmVZA0a4tLzEqg0B&data=05%7C02%7CFreedomOfInformation%40gmp.police.uk%7C597c520073814714a43608de7ed85731%7Cdc8a542c40d46ab8f73e6023f45c7c5%7C0%7C0%7C639087664974544870%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiwlLjAuMDAwMCIslIAiOiJXaW4zMilslkFOLjoiTWFPbClslldUljoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=Ue3zzh1rfxblxtJD2IZ60VSgHounSsSK8qgBXOQ5rH4%3D&reserved=0

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Section 84 of FOIA relates to recorded information held by a public authority and that it does not extend to providing explanations 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. The Act does not extend to requests for information about policies or their implementation, or the merits or demerits of any proposal or action - unless, of course, the answer to any such request is already held in recorded form.

As such, within the spirit of the Act, this response acts as a refusal letter.

Please note that there is no obligation on an Authority under the FOIA to create information where none currently exists simply to answer an FOI request.