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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/017037/I

I write in connection with your request for information dated 09/06/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I am submitting this request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and seek clear, specific responses to the following points:

1. *The current contract arrangements your Force has in place for any system, service, or technology used for the capture, processing, or management of fingerprints.*
2. *The exact contract end date(s) for these arrangements.*
3. *Whether your Force intends to renew, retender, or replace this capability, and if so, the anticipated timeline for doing so.*
4. *The name, role, and contact details of the individual or team within your Force responsible for the procurement, management, or strategic oversight of fingerprint capture capabilities (e.g., biometrics lead, forensics lead, digital services lead). This is requested to ensure future communication is directed to the appropriate point of contact.*

My understanding is that fingerprint capture capability is procured on a Force by Force basis rather than through a single national contract. My company specialises in biometric identification technologies, and we are currently gathering information from Forces to understand upcoming opportunities to support local, regional, or national modernisation of fingerprint identification processes.

Result of Searches

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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 information requested in questions 1, 2 and 4 is exempt under **Section 21 – Information accessible to applicant by other means**. Details of our contract with our fingerprint scanning supplier are available through [the Bluelight Public Contracts Register](#).

In response to question 3, GMP has not made a decision on renewal or replacement yet. GMP will review the capabilities of the recently procured Mark43 records management system before making a decision about tendering for another solution.

Further information may be available from the Home Office.