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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/26/017296/Z

I write in connection with your request for information dated 22/07/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

***Can you at least provide the ethnicity codes used by the force for classification?
b) ethnicity codes used by the force.***

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police (GMP) to locate the requested information. I can confirm the information requested is held by GMP.

GMP (as all forces) operate a two-level approach to ethnicity. Self-Defined ethnicity, which is gathered from the person and Officer Defined ethnicity which is based on the officer's observation.

There used to be 'codes' however from a recording point of view they are no longer used aside from in shorthand speak when referring to Officer Defined ethnicity.

Self-Defined
White – British
White – Irish
White – Any Other White Background
Asian – Indian
Asian – Pakistani
Asian – Bangladeshi
Asian – Any Other Asian Background
Black – Caribbean
Black – African
Black – Any Other Black Background

Mixed – White and Black Caribbean
Mixed – White and Black African
Mixed – White and Asian
Mixed – Any Other Mixed Background
Not Provided
Not Stated
Other – Any Other Ethnic Group
Other – Chinese

Officer Defined	Code
White – North European	IC1
White – South European	IC2
Black	IC3
Asian	IC4
Chinese, Japanese or any other South East Asian	IC5
Middle Eastern	IC6
Not Recorded/Not Known	