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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/017463/W

I write in connection with your request for information dated 14/08/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Freedom of Information Act 2000 request - pension forfeiture consideration [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

I am seeking recorded information concerning Greater Manchester Police's consideration of police pension forfeiture [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

The Home Office Police Pension Forfeiture Guidance states that Pension Supervising Authorities and police forces should work together to identify cases in which pension forfeiture may be appropriate, and that, as best practice, all instances of police pension scheme members being convicted of criminal offences should be reviewed.

I would therefore be grateful if GMP could provide the following recorded information:

- 1. Whether [REDACTED] convictions were reviewed by GMP and/or its Professional Standards Department for potential pension forfeiture.***
- 2. Whether GMP or its Professional Standards Department referred [REDACTED] case to the relevant Pension Supervising Authority for consideration of pension forfeiture.***
- 3. If the case was not referred, the recorded reason for the decision not to refer it.***
- 4. If the case was referred, the recommendation made by GMP/Professional Standards concerning whether [REDACTED] offending was committed "in connection with his service as a member of a police force".***

5. **Copies of any recorded assessment, recommendation, referral, decision record or briefing concerning whether [REDACTED] convictions met the criteria for pension forfeiture. I am content for legitimately exempt personal or operational information within these documents to be redacted.**

In considering whether [REDACTED] offending was connected with his police service, please confirm whether GMP considered recorded information concerning: the relevance of [REDACTED] status as a serving police officer to the offending; whether his police status affected the victim's ability or willingness to report him; whether his status or position contributed to the manipulation, control or intimidation of the victim; the CPS's characterisation of [REDACTED] as a police officer in a position of trust who manipulated and controlled his victim; and the sentencing judge's comments concerning [REDACTED] policing experience and knowledge.

For clarity, I am not requesting the value of [REDACTED] pension, [REDACTED] contributions, pension entitlement or any other private financial information. The request concerns GMP's recorded consideration of the statutory pension-forfeiture process following the conviction of a serving police officer.

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 the information as an exemption applies.

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires Greater Manchester Police, when refusing to provide such information (because this information is exempt) 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 responses to this request are exempted from disclosure under **Section 40(2) Personal Information** – information you have requested constitutes personal data of an identifiable living individual/s, and while you have named the individual you refer to, to disclose further information would breach the principles of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018. Personal data is defined by Section 1 of the Data Protection Act 2018 and means data that relates to an individual who can be identified directly or indirectly from that data.

Section 40 is an absolute exemption with no requirement to complete a public interest test.