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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/016308/I

I write in connection with your request for information dated 04/02/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

- 1. *A copy of your force's policy(ies) regarding the release of video or audio footage (including bodycam footage, CCTV, and other recordings) to external organisations, particularly those that may use the footage for commercial gain.***
- 2. *Details of instances where your force has released or sold such footage to external organisations, including:***
 - a) *The type of organisation (e.g., media, entertainment, commercial)***
 - b) *The purpose of the release (e.g., broadcasting, advertising)***
 - c) *The nature of the footage released***

Please provide any relevant documents, reports, or records related to these requests. For the purposes of timing, details from the last 10 years would be sufficient.

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 some of the information requested is held by GMP.

However, GMP does not hold some of the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format.

In relation to question 2, GMP would be required to carry out a substantial review spanning over 10 years to assess each piece of footage that was ever requested. This would be a lengthy process working across all units with our force. This large scale assessment would eventually identify the number of times any GMP footage was made available for public consumption, and upon further

evaluations it would attempt to allow the breakdowns you requested to be supplied if held within each disclosure. This level of information is not stored in any single central location. This task would take far beyond the cost limits and would most definitely exceed 18hrs to provide a response.

Therefore, as per **Section 12(1)** of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the cost of providing you with the information is above the amount to which we are legally required to respond i.e. the cost of locating and retrieving the information exceeds the 'appropriate level' as stated in the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, this letter acts as a Refusal Notice.

GMP is obligated, pursuant to section 16(1) of the Act to provide you with advice and assistance on refining your request to bring compliance within the fees limit. In order for the force to attempt to keep this within the fees limit, the information you are requesting will need revising with a considerably reduced time frame. With any request that requires a manual review there is always a chance of a request being refused under S12 due to the enormity of work that is usually needed to provide the data, therefore the resulting response cannot be guaranteed at this point as it will be dependent upon the number of records that fall within the scope of any new request, as they would still have to be manually assessed.

Should you wish to refine and resubmit your request in line with the advice above please respond to freedomofinformation@gmp.police.uk.

Although excess costs remove GMP's obligations under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, as a gesture of goodwill I have supplied some information relative to your request that was retrieved before it was realised that the fees limit would be exceed (see below information). I hope that this is of use to you, but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fee's regulations for the remainder of your request.

Question 1.

Any release of footage is done in line with the College of Policing APP Media Relations - [Media relations | College of Policing](#).

Question 2.

GMP do not sell footage.