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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/015869/L

I write in connection with your request for information dated 17/11/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I would like some information about the Police's speed camera network and how the Police currently engages with it. To assist you in your section 16 FOIA obligations, I am sharing that I am currently engaged in a public interest investigation into the proper operation of speed camera networks across the country. My interest is in the role of the Police in managing the camera network, and the information derived from it

*Could you please provide me with the following - in relation to *fixed* cameras only:*

(A) Governing Documents:

Copies of contractual documents that govern the relationship between the Police and (i) the physical assets of camera equipment, and (ii) the data generated by the cameras

For clarity, 'data' typically includes photographs and annual certificates of compliance, though also includes maintenance, diagnostic and failure logs for each of the camera

To assist you in answering this question, note that the Police appears to operate the camera network through a Partnership alongside other public authorities. This same FOIA request is being made to a number of Police forces across the country : so if in your particular case, there is no Partnership, then some of the following information will not be required (for example (a) below)

In similar operating structures, there are usually two main documents : (a) a Memorandum of Understanding defining roles and responsibilities between all the authorities in the Partnership (eg. local Council, any highways authorities and the Police force); and (b) a contract between

the Partnership (or one of its parties, where the Police has the benefit of the commercial contract) and a third-party camera operator that supplies, maintains and calibrates the cameras

Therefore, please provide copies of the two contracts described in (a) and (b) above. I have no interest in the commercial terms, rebates, or payment terms : my interest is in the roles and responsibilities assigned to various public authorities in the Partnership - so I will understand that if there are redactions of commercial terms, and thus there will be no issue with regards to section 43 of the FOIA

(B) General Activity of the Network:

For the year ended 31 December 2023, please provide the average number of notices of intended prosecution generated by the individual groups of cameras in a 30mph zone, 40mph zone and 60mph zone. For each of those three groups, please provide the total number of notices issued by the most active camera in that group

(C) Legal Substance of the Partnership:

With regards to the Partnership, please provide any document that describes the legal nature and personality of the Partnership. For example, I am seeking to identify whether it is a real incorporated body, an informal brand name, or any other type of operating structure. This is an entity named publicly carrying out public services functions, funded by public funds, and seemingly fully owned and controlled by public authorities. As such, I would like to know its specific legal identity (if any)

(D) Confirmation on Possession of Certain Important Information:

Please confirm whether the Police holds or has held any of the following categories of information relating to the operation and performance of fixed speed cameras. Please note that 'holding information' in the context of FOIA and UK GDPR constitutes physical possession as well as related parties holding that same information that is accessible to the Police:

- 1. Maintenance logs***
- 2. Diagnostic or error logs***
- 3. Fault histories***
- 4. Any similar internal performance records***

You do not need to provide any data itself— I am requesting only confirmation of whether such information is or was held, even if only by a specific team or third-party operator under Police oversight

*****This is important information for individuals that it seeks to prosecute for speeding offences. To limit cost at this stage, I simply request a confirmation that the Police holds this information (going back any number of years) in its possession or in an accessible location*****

This same request is being submitted to several Police forces in England and Wales to understand consistencies and disparities in network governance and evidential control, and understand the scope of data held by those Police forces. Also note that this is request is part of a legally-protected body of public interest work : aside from sanction under section 77 of the FOIA, withholding from or obstructing the work of the requester may invite sanction for your organisation under the Public Interest Disclosure Act 1998 given the PIDA-protected status of the requester's body of work

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.

- A. No information held – Please contact TFGM - [Freedom of information | Bee Network | Powered by TfGM](#)
- B. No information held. GMP do not record average amounts within our systems. This would require creating data to provide a response which we are not required to do under the FOIA.
- C. No information held – Please contact TFGM - [Freedom of information | Bee Network | Powered by TfGM](#)
- D. No information held.