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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/016978/O

I write in connection with your request for information dated 01/06/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I have compiled the following summary which I believe reflects the correct structure and duties. I would be very grateful if you could verify the accuracy of this information, confirm if these descriptions are correct and current, and advise if there are any roles, ranks, or responsibilities missing or described differently in official force documentation.

My understanding is as follows:

Detective Rank Structure & Responsibilities

Detective Constable (DC)

- ***Equivalent rank to Police Constable***
- ***Investigates crimes rather than carrying out uniform patrol duties***
- ***Handles suspect/witness interviews, gathers evidence, and manages case files***
- ***Works within departments such as CID, safeguarding units, fraud teams, or serious crime investigations***

Detective Sergeant (DS)

- ***Supervises teams of Detective Constables***
- ***Manages the progress of investigations and case files***
- ***Reviews evidence and advises on charging decisions***
- ***Ensures all investigations are conducted correctly and meet legal standards***

Detective Inspector (DI)

- *Leads major or complex investigations*
- *Acts as Senior Investigating Officer (SIO) for serious incidents*
- *Sets the overall investigation strategy and direction*
- *Manages and directs Detective Sergeants and Detective Constables*

Detective Chief Inspector (DCI)

- *Oversees multiple investigations or entire investigative units*
- *Manages teams dealing with serious and complex crime*
- *Supports, reviews, and advises Senior Investigating Officers*
- *Focuses on performance standards, governance, and compliance*

Detective Superintendent (DSupt)

- *Provides strategic leadership for detective departments*
- *Oversees areas such as Major Crime, CID, or Safeguarding*
- *Sets operational priorities and allocates resources across units*

Detective Chief Superintendent (DCSupt)

- *Senior strategic leadership role*
- *Oversees multiple detective commands or large departments*
- *Acts as the link between investigative teams and force-wide leadership*

Please also let me know if any rank has an alternative official title, or if any duties listed are incorrect or described differently in official policy. If this information is already published on your website or in a public document, please direct me to the relevant location.

I would also like to add that I love the police and truly appreciate the important work you do in serving and protecting the community.

If any part of this request is exempt from disclosure, please specify which exemption applies and the reasons for it. If you need any clarification to process this request, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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.

GMP can confirm the information listed above is correct.