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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/26/016988/Q

I write in connection with your request for information dated 03/06/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

The Bury Times published an article on 23 September 2010 entitled "Club fined £5k after fire exit blocked", relating to premises known as [REDACTED]

Please provide:

A. Copies of all correspondence (including but not limited to emails, letters, text messages, internal communications) for the period 1 October 2009 to 31 December 2010 between your organisation and the Bury Times, its journalists, editors or representatives concerning:

(1) [REDACTED] and its owners

(2) [REDACTED] - and its owners

(3) the Bury Times article "Club fined £5k after fire exit blocked";

(4) any inspection, enforcement action, prosecution or regulatory action connected with those premises.

B. Copies of any media briefings or communications of any sort whatsoever prepared in relation to the above matter.

C. Copies of any records discussing how the establishment [REDACTED] should be described in communications with the media, eg whether it should be referred to as a "gentlemen's club", "massage parlour", "brothel" or any similar term.

D. Copies of any records discussing whether the names of the owners, managers or persons responsible for the premises should be disclosed to the media or withheld from publication.

E. Any policies, guidance or protocols in force during 2010 governing communications with local newspapers regarding suspected brothels.

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 not held by GMP.

There is no trace on our Press Office systems that has been recorded between 1 October 2009 and 31 December 2010 relating to this request.

In relation to point E of your request, I can confirm no information or policy is held.