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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/016512/K

I write in connection with your request for information dated 05/03/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I am writing to request access to information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please provide copies of the currently applicable force-level policies, guidance, or procedural documents (or direct links if publicly available) that set out:

1. How allegations of corruption, serious misconduct, abuse of position, or collusion involving police officers or police staff are:

- recorded***
- assessed***
- routed or referred for investigation***

2. Any internal procedural documents, standard operating procedures, or governance frameworks used by:

- the Professional Standards Department***
 - Anti-Corruption Units***
 - or equivalent internal departments***
- when handling such allegations received from members of the public.***

This request is limited strictly to policy and procedural documentation.

It does not seek:

- emails***
- case files***
- complaint logs***
- personal data***
- or records relating to specific allegations or individuals.***

If the requested information is already publicly available, please provide direct links to the relevant documents.

If any part of the request is refused, please:

- specify the precise exemption relied upon under the Act, and***

• *explain why that exemption applies.*

If the force does not hold any internal policy or procedural documentation governing how corruption allegations are recorded, assessed, and routed for investigation, please confirm this clearly under Section 1(1)(a) of the Act.

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 you have requested as an exemption applies.

When refusing to provide such information because an exemption applies, Section 17(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires GMP, 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.

This request is exempt under **Section 21 – Information accessible to applicant by other means**. The response to this request is available online. Please follow the link below.

The policy which covers question 1 and 2 can be located here.

[foi-25.016011.z-reporting-policy-for-conduct-issues.pdf](https://www.gmp.police.uk/foi-25.016011.z-reporting-policy-for-conduct-issues.pdf)