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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/26/016280/N

I write in connection with your request for information dated 30/01/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

This request seeks recorded information about the arrangements used by your force/service for police-initiated vehicle recovery (including removal, storage and onward disposal where applicable). (This request is made under FOIA 2000, or FOISA 2002 where applicable). Please answer for the current arrangement(s) in place as at the date you process this request. Police-initiated vehicle recovery/removal means any instance where the police request, direct or authorise a vehicle to be removed/recovered and/or taken into storage (including to a police/contractor compound) under the force's vehicle recovery arrangements. This includes evidential/seizure removals and non-crime removals (e.g., obstruction/abandoned/uninsured). Questions

- 1. Type of arrangement: Which best describes your current vehicle recovery provision?**
 - a) Single prime contractor (managing agent) with subcontractors**
 - b) Direct contracts with multiple providers (not a framework)**
 - c) Other (please describe)**
- 2. Prime / managing agent (if applicable): If your arrangement includes a prime contractor/managing agent, please provide the company name.**
- 3. Recovery providers used by the force: Please list the company name(s) of the recovery provider(s) that your force/service uses for police-initiated vehicle recovery (i.e., providers your force/service instructs directly or pays directly, and/or those subcontracted by your prime contractor / managing agent).**
- 4. Vehicle disposal providers: Please list the company name(s) of any provider(s) your force/service uses to dispose of vehicles arising from police-initiated recovery, including where vehicles are auctioned, scrapped or broken for parts.**

If disposal is not part of the recovery arrangement, please state this.

5. Contract dates / procurement: For the recovery arrangement (and disposal arrangement if separate), please provide:

- a) **contract start date (or call-off start date)**
- b) **contract end date**
- c) **any extension options (e.g., number and length)**
- d) **where recorded, the planned date for the next tender/procurement exercise.**

6. Vetting / screening requirements (contractual):

- a) **Does your contract/specification for police-initiated vehicle recovery require contractor personnel to hold any specific vetting or screening as a condition of working on this contract (e.g., police vetting, DBS, right-to-work checks)? (Yes/No)**
- b) **If yes, please state the required level/type in broad terms and whether it applies to:**
 - i. **recovery drivers,**
 - ii. **vehicle compound staff,**
 - iii. **control room staff,**
 - iv. **contract management staff.**
- c) **If the requirement is not specified by role, please state the single minimum requirement that applies to all contractor personnel (or the closest equivalent recorded requirement). Please provide high-level contractual requirements only; no operational detail about vetting processes or systems is requested.**

7. Clarification / cost

Please provide aggregate/contractual information only and do not include any personal data. If any part of this request is likely to exceed the cost limit, please advise how it may be refined; in the meantime please provide what you can within the limit.

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 held by GMP. However, I am not obliged to provide some of the information requested as 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.

The requested information is exempt under **section 21 – Information accessible to applicant by other means**. The information referred to is already available in the Public Domain. Please follow the links below.

The information for question 3, 4, 5 and 7 is available at the following link:

[Vehicle Recovery Services - Contracts Finder](#)

Response to remaining questions

Question 1 – GMP's vehicle recovery arrangement is direct contracts with multiple providers.

Question 2 – N/A

Question 3 – Exempt. Please see above.

Question 4 – Exempt. Please see above.

Question 5 – Exempt. Please see above.

Question 6

- a. Yes
- b. All staff working on the GMP Vehicle Recovery Scheme Contract and/or have access to vehicles, property or data in relation to the GMP VRS must hold full valid National Clearance Vetting.
- c. All staff working on the GMP Vehicle Recovery Scheme Contract and/or have access to vehicles, property or data in relation to the GMP VRS must hold full valid National Clearance Vetting.

Question 7 – Exempt. Please see above.