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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/26/016435/O

I write in connection with your request for information dated 20/02/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

- 1. How many officers received any kind of disciplinary sanction in the (i) 2023/24 and (ii) 2024/25 year as a result of a complaint of (a) racism, or (b) sexism/misogyny?**
- 2. Please state what disciplinary action was imposed for each of the cases referenced in Question 1.**
- 3. In relation to all the incidents in Q.1 where specific racist or sexist/misogynistic words or phrases were used please (i) state what these words or phrases were and (ii) the specific disciplinary sanction imposed on the officer.**
- 4. How many complaints of racism were made against your force by members of the public in (i) 2023/24 and (ii) 2024/25?**

NOTE: I am purposefully not asking for the name, age or rank of the officers concerned to avoid any of the above information falling within the scope of a S.40 exemption.

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 the information requested as an exemption applies.

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires Greater Manchester Police, when refusing to provide such information (because this information is exempt) 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.

Section 40 is an absolute exemption with no requirement to complete a public interest test.

Due to low numbers, **question 3** has been exempted from disclosure under Section 40(2) Personal Information – this information constitutes personal data of an identifiable living individual, and to disclose this information would breach the principles of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018. Personal data is defined by Section 1 of the Data Protection Act 2018 and means data that relates to an individual who can be identified directly or indirectly from that data.

Question 1 & 2

Year	Total	Outcome
2023/24	1	All Dismissed
2024/25	4	

Question 3

Exempt section 40, please see above.

Question 4

Year	Total
2023/24	157
2024/25	225