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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/016242/H

I write in connection with your request for information dated 26/01/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please provide the following information relating to your organisation's IT networking infrastructure and procurement:

1. *Who are the current primary suppliers or vendors for:*
 - a. *Network switching*
 - b. *Wireless/LAN infrastructure*
 - c. *Network security (e.g., firewalls or network access control)*
 - d. *Data Centre Networking (e.g. Routing, switching, DC Management)*
2. *What vendor equipment is currently in use for:*
 - a. *Core network*
 - b. *Access network*
 - c. *Wireless infrastructure*
3. *When was the last major network infrastructure refresh completed?*
4. *What were the key drivers behind the last refresh?*
5. *Is a network refresh or upgrade planned within the next:*
 - a. *12 months*
 - b. *24 months*

6. *Does the organisation currently have a budget allocated for AIOps or Network Automation tools in the upcoming financial year?*
7. *What was the total spend on network infrastructure and related support in the last completed financial year?*
8. *Which procurement frameworks are typically used for networking equipment and services?*
9. *What is the contract end date for the current main networking supplier(s), where applicable?*
10. *Is the organisation's network management / monitoring currently:*
 - a. *Cloud-managed*
 - b. *On-prem managed*
 - c. *Hybrid*
11. *Which platforms/tools are used for network management and assurance?*
12. *In terms of networks, how many sites/locations does the organization have?*
13. *Approximate device counts currently in use:*
 - a. *Number of switches*
 - b. *Number of wireless access points*
 - c. *Number of firewalls*
14. *Is networking typically procured as:*
 - a. *Capital purchase (CapEx)*
 - b. *Subscription / service (OpEx)*
 - c. *Managed service*
15. *Which internal teams own the network purchasing decision?*
16. *Are there any known challenges or risks with the current network environment?*
17. *Is the organisation currently considering or evaluating alternative networking vendors?*
 - a. *If yes, which areas (switching, Wi-Fi, security, DC)?*

If any part of this request exceeds cost limits, I would appreciate partial disclosure or advice on how the request may be refined.

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police (GMP) to locate information relevant to your request. I can confirm that the information you have requested is held by GMP.

1.
 - a. TNP(Vendor) / Cisco (Supplier)
 - b. TNP/Cisco

- c. Telefonica – Fortinet/Cisco
 - d. Telefonica/Cisco
- 2.
 - a. Cisco
 - b. Cisco
 - c. Cisco
- 3. 2021/2022
- 4. Old Infrastructure requiring refresh
- 5. No.
- 6. No.
- 7. Approximately £2,700,000.
- 8. Tepas/G-Cloud/Open tender
- 9. Sept 27 with two optional one year extensions
- 10. Hybrid
- 11. This information is not held by GMP as they are managed services.
- 12. Approximately 105
- 13.
 - a. 390
 - b. 972
 - c. 20
- 14. Can be any of the listed options.
- 15. Procurement
- 16. No.
- 17. No.