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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/016641/S

I write in connection with your request for information dated 30/03/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

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

Please provide details of any work-related visits, inspections, or attendances carried out by officers or staff of Greater Manchester Police (GMP) at the brothel known as [REDACTED] (or any other previous name [REDACTED]) located at [REDACTED] during the period 1 January 2006 up to and including 1 January 2026.

In particular, I request the following information:

1. *The total number of work-related visits, inspections, or attendances made by GMP to the above premises during this period.*
2. *For each such visit or attendance:*
 - *The date of the visit*
 - *The reason or purpose of the visit*
 - *The number and gender make-up of the officers attending each visit eg 3 officers, 2 female, 1 male*
 - *The outcome of each visit (eg no further action, fine, arrest)*
3. *Please confirm the total number of reports/ complaints from members of the public relating to the brothel known as [REDACTED] (or any previous name) in each calendar year from 2005 to 2025 inclusive. Please include in your figures any 'anonymous' reports from members of the public such as via Crimestoppers.*

If any part of this request is considered exempt from disclosure, please provide the relevant exemption(s) and explain your reasoning, as required by the Act. Where information cannot be provided in full, I would appreciate any partial disclosure that is available.

If my request exceeds the cost limit, please advise how it may be refined to fall within the appropriate limits.

Result of Searches

Greater Manchester Police can neither confirm nor deny that it holds the information you requested in questions 1 and 2 as the duty in Section 1(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 does not apply, by virtue of **Section 31(3) – Law Enforcement**.

Section 31 is a prejudice-based and qualified exemption. There is a requirement to articulate the harm confirmation or denial that any other information is held as well as consider the public interest, which are explained below.

Harm

Any disclosure under FOI is a release to the public at large. Under the Act, we cannot, and do not request the motives of any application for information. We have no doubt that the vast majority of requests made under the Act are legitimate and the applicants do not have any ulterior motives. Whilst not questioning the motives behind this specific request, confirming or denying that information is held would impact on the law enforcement capabilities of Greater Manchester Police in the prevention and detection of crime. Policing is always around ensuring the public's safety, but more importantly that any potential criminal could be aware of what tactics and strategies are used for operational policing.

The risk of danger to the public would be increased by revealing such policing tactics into the public domain. The safety of the public we protect is of paramount importance to Greater Manchester Police and we would not wish to jeopardise that safety by confirming or denying that information is held.

Factors favouring Neither Confirming or Denying for Section 31

By confirming or denying if any information is held would lead to a better-informed public. The public are entitled to know what public funds are spent on and what measures are in place.

Factors against Confirming or Denying for Section 31

Confirming or denying that any information is held regarding this address and the business that operates from it, would have the effect of compromising law enforcement tactics. It has been recorded that FOIA releases are monitored by criminals and terrorists and so to confirm or deny information is held would lead to law enforcement activity being undermined.

Balancing Test

The security of the members of the public is of paramount importance and Greater Manchester Police will not divulge whether any information is or is not held regarding an individual address or business, if to do so would place the safety of an individual at risk or compromise law enforcement efforts. Whilst there is a public interest in the transparency of police funding and

providing assurance that Greater Manchester Police is appropriately and effectively managing the resources, there is a very strong public interest in safeguarding the integrity of police investigations and all areas of operations carried out by local police forces.

As much as there is public interest in knowing that policing activity and funds is appropriate and balanced this will only be overridden in exceptional circumstances. Confirming or denying that any information is held could reveal police tactics and therefore it is our opinion that for these issues the balancing test for confirming or denying whether any information is held regarding the vehicle or any other fleet information, is not made out.

However, this should not be taken as necessarily indicating that any information that would meet your request exists or does not exist.

The information you have requested in question 3 is not exempt and is provided below, subject to the following **CAVEATS**:

In July 2019, GMP implemented one of the largest IT infrastructure changes in UK policing. The systems are in continual development and the data provided for this request is what the systems currently hold.

This data contains incidents with a postcode of [REDACTED] somewhere within the location fields, with a created date between 01/01/2005 and 31/12/2025, excluding incidents with a closing code of L10 Duplicate, L19 Error or L22 Test or training.

Management of Police Information regulations state that non-essential records should be removed from police systems six financial years after the year in which they were originally created. This means that data that is more than six financial years old may be incomplete and should not be compared to more recent data.

2005 – 0
2006 – 0
2007 – 0
2008 – 0
2009 – 0
2010 – 1
2011 – 0
2012 – 0
2013 – 1
2014 – 4
2015 – 2
2016 – 3
2017 – 3
2018 – 1
2019 – 0
2020 – 1
2021 – 0
2022 – 0
2023 – 1
2024 – 0
2025 – 0