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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/016675/C

I write in connection with your request for information dated 07/04/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I seek information relating to the recording and use of warning markers or signals on the Police National Computer (PNC), and any associated policies or guidance concerning the recording of gender or sex.

Specifically, I request:

- 1. Copies of any current policies, guidance, or standard operating procedures governing the use of warning markers or warning signals on the PNC.***
- 2. Any current or historical guidance relating to the recording of individuals in connection with gender identity, including any terminology previously used (for example, terms such as "female impersonator" or similar descriptors).***
- 3. Confirmation as to whether any such terminology remains in use within PNC systems, warning markers, or associated police databases, whether formally or informally.***
- 4. Details of any policies, reviews, or changes implemented (in the last 10 years) regarding the treatment, classification, or recording of transgender individuals within PNC or related systems.***
- 5. Any equality impact assessments, policy reviews, or internal guidance documents addressing the recording of gender or transgender status within policing systems.***

Update - I am content for the request to be interpreted as limited to PNC

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 not held by GMP.

PNC is a national system and not one owned or run by GMP. As per the ICO website – “You may hold information solely on behalf of another public authority or another individual. This would not be considered to be ‘held’ by you.”

In relation to your request, please contact the Home office direct for this information.

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