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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/26/016703/P

I write in connection with your request for information dated 14/04/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I am making a request under the Freedom of Information Act. The request concerns the government's definition of Anti-Muslim Hostility available here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/a-definition-of-anti-muslim-hostility>

Specifically:

- 1) Has the force adopted the definition?***
- 2) If not, does the force have plans to adopt, or to discuss adoption of the definition?***
- 3) Has the force made any assessment as impact adoption could have on its operations?***

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.

Question 1

The government's definition of Anti Muslim Hostility is a non-statutory definition. GMP has a robust system in place to meet its statutory duties in relation to reports of hate crime and non-crime hate incidents. It recognises that members of all faiths and communities are treated the same.

Whilst the government's definition of Anti-Muslim Hostility might be considered as an additional contextual factor when assessing a reported incident; GMP is directed by existing legislation and the national recording standards that govern the classification and handling of hate-related matters.

Question 2 – N/A

Question 3 – As above for question 1.