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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/016813/U

I write in connection with your request for information dated 01/05/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I am researching the case involving an unidentified male passenger who was removed from an aircraft at Manchester Airport in Manchester, United Kingdom. Under applicable UK data access and public accountability laws (including the UK Freedom of Information Act 2000 where applicable to public authorities),

1. I am requesting all available body worn camera footage, airport security footage, aircraft cabin footage, police transport footage, and all related incident reports and investigative records for the following case:

Suspect: Unidentified male passenger

Date of incident: September 13, 2025

Officer/s involved: Officers of Greater Manchester Police and Manchester Airport security personnel (specific names unknown)

Location: Aircraft cabin and jet bridge, Manchester Airport (MAN), Manchester, United Kingdom Incident details:

On September 13, 2025, at Manchester Airport in the United Kingdom, an incident occurred aboard an aircraft scheduled for departure to Ibiza involving a male passenger who allegedly refused to comply with crew safety instructions. According to witness accounts, the passenger was reportedly intoxicated and refused to fasten his seatbelt, resulting in a delay prior to departure.

Authorities were called to the aircraft after crew members were unable to resolve the situation. After an extended period, police officers arrived at the aircraft to remove the passenger. Video footage captured two uniformed officers physically removing the individual from his seat and escorting him down the aisle of the aircraft, with one officer restraining his upper body and the other his legs.

The passenger was subsequently removed from the aircraft and escorted down the steps into a police vehicle. The aircraft was then cleared for further processing following the removal of the individual. Additional accounts suggest the removal was related to noncompliance with onboard safety instructions.

Charges:

Not publicly disclosed in available reporting

2. I respectfully request copies of all available body-worn camera footage, airport security footage, aircraft cabin CCTV (if available), jet bridge footage, and any available transport or custody footage related to this incident, including passenger removal from aircraft, escort down aircraft stairs, police vehicle transport, and all related incident reports, disturbance logs, crew statements, and any other relevant documentation.

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 held by GMP.

However, I am not obliged to supply all the information 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.

This request is exempted from disclosure under **Section 40(2) Personal Information** – this information constitutes personal data of an identifiable living individual/s, 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.

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