Information Management & Data Directorate (IMDD)
Information Access Unit

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/26/018173/T

I write in connection with your request for information dated 20/11/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please provide GMP's official rank structure.

My summary is — please confirm what is correct:
Chief Constable — commands the whole force
Deputy Chief Constable
Assistant Chief Constable
Chief Superintendent — in charge of one district
Superintendent — leads a borough/division
Chief Inspector — runs a team/sector
Inspector — manages a shift/area
Sergeant — supervises officers
Police Constable — starting frontline rank

Please confirm the correct order and titles. If this is already on your website, please direct me to it. If any part is exempt, please explain which FOI exemption applies and why.

I truly appreciate the work you and the force do to serve and protect the public.

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.

The rank structure you have provided is correct.

Details about each rank is available on the College of Policing website. I have provided the relevant links below.

Chief constable | College of Policing

Deputy chief constable | College of Policing

Assistant chief constable | College of Policing

Chief superintendent | College of Policing

Superintendent | College of Policing

Chief inspector | College of Policing

Inspector | College of Policing

Special sergeant | College of Policing

Neighbourhood police sergeant | College of Policing

Response sergeant | College of Policing

Constable | College of Policing