GREATER MANCHESTER POLICE

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/017585/F

I write in connection with your request for information dated 04/09/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Freedom of Information Request – Legal and Tribunal Costs for September 2026 Misconduct Hearing (Bury District)

Please provide the total financial costs incurred by Greater Manchester Police regarding the recent gross misconduct investigation and subsequent disciplinary tribunal finalized in [redacted] which resulted in the dismissal of six serving officers [redacted]

Specifically, I would like to request a breakdown of the following figures:
1. External Legal Fees: The total amount spent on external legal counsel, barristers, or solicitors to prepare and present the case on behalf of the appropriate authority/Professional Standards Directorate.
2. Tribunal and Panel Costs: The total costs associated with hiring the independent panel, including the Legally Qualified Chair (LQC), and any venue hire or administrative overheads specifically billed for the multi-day hearing.
3. Internal Investigation Costs: If recorded as a distinct project or case code, any specific non-salary operational costs incurred by the Professional Standards Directorate during the investigation of this specific case.
• If the exact totals are not yet finalized, please provide the most up-to-date recorded estimates or invoices received to date.
• If this request is blocked by the cost limit under Section 12 of the FOI Act, please prioritize item 1 (External Legal Fees) and item 2 (Tribunal and Panel Costs) within the allowable limit. I look forward to hearing from you within the statutory 20 working days.

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 some of the information requested is currently held by GMP.

1. No information held. GMP have not yet received invoices for services required due to the short conclusion time.
2. **Independent Panel and LQP** are appointed by GMCA as the Local Policing Body. Any costs associated with the independent panel members and LQP will be held by GMCA.
   No venue hire costs – These are on GMP premises
   Admin- There are some catering costs, but these haven't been recorded on the finance system at this time and so the information is not currently held.
3. None recorded.