GREATER MANCHESTER POLICE

Date: 23/09/2026
Our ref: 01/FOI/26/017613/S

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/017613/S

I write in connection with your request for information dated 07/09/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I refer to Greater Manchester Police's public reporting of a gold bullion recovery at Manchester Airport on or about 30 October 2025, and to footage released by GMP on or about 6 November 2025 showing an officer removing gold bars from a bag after the seizure.

The incident, as publicly described by GMP, involved a report at approximately 23:40 on Thursday 30 October 2025 of a suspicious vehicle left with a drop-off / concierge parking service at Manchester Airport; a BMW in which officers recovered seven gold ingots stamped "Suisse 1 kilo" from a black toiletry bag; and footage later released by the force of that recovery.

Please provide only the following.
1. The footage already released by GMP in connection with that incident, in the highest-quality file the force holds.

2. If that file cannot be supplied as video, still images from the same released footage, or from the source recording from which it was taken, showing the bag and the bars. I accept redaction of faces, voices, vehicle registration marks, and any other personal data.

3. A short schedule of any other police-recorded video /body cam video held of the vehicle search and recovery of the bag and bars at Manchester Airport on 30–31 October 2025, limited to date, approximate time, device type, duration, and whether it has already been released. I do not request disclosure of those other recordings in this request.

- ***I am not requesting the identities or other personal data of any arrested person, nor recordings of later luggage searches or address searches.***

- ***If any part cannot be disclosed, please release the remainder, name the exemption relied on, and under section 16 advise how the request could be refined.***

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 held by GMP.

However, I am not obliged to supply the information you have requested as an exemption applies.

When refusing to provide such information because an exemption applies, Section 17(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires GMP, 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.

Questions 1 and 2 are exempt under **Section 21 – Information accessible to applicant by other means**. The response to this request is available online. Please follow the link below.

Police issue update after gold bullion discovery at Manchester Airport as video released - Manchester Evening News

Question 3.
No information held.