Information Access Unit
Information Management and Data Directorate

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/017627/Y

I write in connection with your request for information dated 10/09/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

1. As of 1st September 2026, [or, the most recent date for which data is available], how many serving police officers within your force have money deducted directly from their wages by the Child Maintenance Service (CMS), via a Deduction from Earnings Order (DEO) or equivalent arrangement?

2. Of the officers identified in Question 1, what percentage are female?

If it would assist in answering this request, I am happy for the response to be provided as raw numbers (rather than percentages) so that I can calculate proportions myself.

If an exact figure would breach your disclosure threshold (e.g. due to small numbers risking identification of individuals), please provide the information as a banded range instead (e.g. "1–5", "6–10", "11–20") rather than withholding it entirely.

If any part of this request is refused, please specify the relevant exemption(s) under the Act and provide the required explanation. If the request is likely to exceed the cost limit under Section 12, please advise whether a narrower version of the request (e.g. the most recent full year) could be answered within the limit.

This request has been sent to all UK police forces for comparative purposes.

I would be grateful for a response within the statutory 20 working days.

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police (GMP) to locate information relevant to your request. I can confirm that the information you have requested is held by GMP. However, I am not obliged to supply you with all the requested 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. The information you have requested in question 2 is exempt from disclosure by virtue of the following exemption: **Section 40(2) – Personal Information.**

Section 40(2) represents information that identifies a living individual, to disclose this information would breach the principles of 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 and there is no requirement to conduct a public interest test for such data.

The information in question 1 is not exempt. I can confirm that there are 10 GMP officers with such salary deductions.