Information Access Unit
Information Management and Data Directorate

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/017849/K

I write in connection with your request for information dated 13/10/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Please explain the criteria, tests, policies, or decision-making framework used by Greater Manchester Police when deciding whether to provide assistance in gathering evidence for an organisation that has no statutory duty to investigate offences

Result of Searches

Information is defined in section 84 of the Freedom of Information Act as 'information recorded in any form'. The Act therefore only extends to requests for recorded information. It does not require public authorities to answer questions generally; only if they already hold the answers in recorded form. The Act does not extend to requests for explanations of policies or their implementation, or the merits or demerits of any proposal or action - unless, of course, the answer to any such request is already held in recorded form. As such, no information is held by GMP in relation to your request.