Information Management & Data Directorate (IMDD)
Information Access Unit

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/26/017596/I

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

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 concerning the police investigation into the deaths of [redacted] at their home in [redacted] on 16 January 2015.
I am particularly interested in information concerning the subsequent review of the conduct of off-duty GMP officer [redacted] at the crime scene.
The coroner's Regulation 28 report, reference 2015-0261, records concerns about the handling of the scene, including the officer's presence inside the property, movement around the scene and the use of his clothing when opening doors. The report also indicates that these actions had implications for the preservation of forensic evidence.
I would therefore like to request the following information, insofar as it can be disclosed under the FOI Act:
1. The outcome of any Professional Standards investigation or internal review concerning [redacted] conduct at the scene.
2. Whether formal advice, disciplinary action, management action or any other formal action was taken against him, and the nature of that action.
3. Any correspondence between GMP and the South Manchester Coroner concerning the concerns raised in the Regulation 28 report.
4. Any response provided by GMP to the coroner following the Regulation 28 report.
5. Any policies, procedures or operational changes introduced as a result of the issues identified by the coroner.
6. Any information held concerning the subsequent review or investigation into the crime-scene management in this case, excluding personal information or material that is exempt from disclosure.
7. Confirmation of whether records relating to the above matters are still held by GMP.
For clarity, I am not requesting personal information about private individuals, nor am I asking GMP to disclose material that would compromise an ongoing investigation. I am primarily seeking information about the subsequent police review, professional standards process and organisational response to the coroner's findings.

If any part of this request is exempt from disclosure, I would be grateful if the non-exempt information could still be provided, with the relevant exemption identified for anything withheld.
If this request should be submitted through a different FOI channel or in a different format, please let me know.

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. However, I am not obliged to provide all the information requested 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 Regulation 28 response is exempt from disclosure by virtue of the following exemption:

Section 32(1)(a)(b) – Court Records

Section 32 exempts information if it is held by a public authority solely because it was created or placed in a document for the purposes of proceedings in a court. Under UK law, a Coroner's Court is a court of record.

Section 32 is an absolute exemption so there is no requirement to carry out a public interest test.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, this letter acts as a Refusal Notice for question 4.

Response to remaining questions

Question 1 – 1 Officer given formal management advice.

Question 2 – As above.

Question 3 – No information held apart from the Regulation 28 and response.

Question 4 – Exempt. Please see above.

Question 5 – Not applicable.

Question 6 – No relevant information held within the personal file.

Question 7 – Yes