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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/017649/E

I write in connection with your request for information dated 14/09/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I think it might be helpful if I clarify that I am not seeking 270 pages of operational material. The information I actually require is actually extremely narrow.

I am seeking only:

- 1. The recorded information setting out GMP's legal understanding/advice as to whether pedestrians who did not possess a paid Manchester Village Pride wristband were entitled to enter or pass through the Gay Village streets during Manchester Village Pride 2026.***
- 2. The recorded briefing/instructions given to GMP officers about how they should deal with pedestrian access to the Village, specifically whether pedestrians without Manchester Village Pride wristbands were to be permitted or prevented from entering/passing through.***

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 the information requested is held by GMP.

1. Section 16A of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 grants the traffic authority a broad power to restrict or prohibit the use of roads, including by pedestrians, for the purposes of holding a social or entertainment event. Specifically:
 - S.16A(2) — grants the authority the power to 'restrict or prohibit temporarily the use of that road, or any part of it, by vehicles or vehicles of any class or by pedestrians, to such extent and subject to such conditions or exceptions as they may consider necessary or expedient'.
 - S.2(3) — provides that a traffic regulation order may include provision 'prohibiting, restricting or regulating the use of a road, or of any part of the width of a road, by, or by any specified class of, pedestrians — (a) either generally or subject to exceptions

specified in the order, and (b) either at all times or at times, on days or during periods so specified'.

2. Those Pedestrians without wristbands requesting access will be directed to the Resident Gate which is located Richmond Street Junction with Minshull Street.