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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/017650/X

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

I am a journalist researching local emergency preparedness, with a particular focus on community resilience and the infrastructure available to support the public in the event of a major emergency such as a prolonged power outage, a heatwave, or a flooding event.

I understand that your authority serves as the lead body for the Local Resilience Forum for this area and accordingly holds, or has access to, relevant emergency preparedness information. I have kept this request as narrow as possible to minimise the burden on your authority.

Please provide the following information regarding how your authority communicates emergency preparedness responsibilities to the public:

- 1. Whether your authority has a programme to inform constituents of their own responsibility to prepare for emergencies (e.g. maintaining supplies of food, water, medicine, and communications equipment)*
- 2. The methods used to communicate this (e.g. leaflets, dedicated website, information campaigns)*
- 3. Whether your authority has a dedicated app, alert system, or other digital tool for communicating with the public during a crisis*

Scope and format

Where information is held centrally by the Local Resilience Forum secretariat rather than directly by your authority, I would be grateful if you could either include it in your response or advise me of the appropriate body to approach.

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police to locate information relevant to your request.

GMP is not the lead body for the Local Resilience Forum (LRF). We are a participant in the LRF. The best contact for the whole Greater Manchester is GMCA - GM Resilience Unit.

1. National guidance followed with assistance through other forums such as Local Authority self-help guidance and Voluntary sector engagement.
2. Multiple methods from websites, in person forums, leaflets etc.
3. As above