

## **Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)**

### **Decision notice**

**Date:** 17 August 2023

**Public Authority:** Chief Constable of Greater Manchester Police  
**Address:** GMP Headquarters  
Central Park  
Northampton Road  
Manchester  
M40 5BP

#### **Decision (including any steps ordered)**

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1. The complainant requested information about certain purchase orders and contracts. By the date of this notice Chief Constable Greater Manchester Police (GMP) had not issued a substantive response to this request.
2. The Commissioner's decision is that GMP has breached section 10(1) of FOIA in that it failed to provide a valid response to the request within the statutory time frame of 20 working days.
3. The Commissioner requires GMP to take the following step to ensure compliance with the legislation.
  - GMP must provide a substantive response to the request in accordance with its obligations under FOIA.
4. GMP must take this step within 35 calendar days of the date of this decision notice. Failure to comply may result in the Commissioner making written certification of this fact to the High Court pursuant to section 54 of FOIA and may be dealt with as a contempt of court.

## Request and response

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5. On 12 May 2023, the complainant wrote to GMP and requested information in the following terms:

"Please accept this request under the Freedom of Information Act. I'm seeking purchase orders and/or contracts in relation to the following expenditure by Greater Manchester Police in 2021/22:

Supplier: ABM Intelligence Ltd  
Invoice no: ABMINV2022-011 Payment date: 22/03/2022  
Net amount: £161,667.00

Supplier: Axon Public Safety UK Ltd  
Invoice no: INUK000666  
Payment date: 29/03/2022  
Net amount: £1,199,458.70

Supplier: Cellebrite Mobile Synchronization Ltd  
Invoice no: INVUK7392  
Payment date: 06/01/2022  
Net amount: £86,263.99

Supplier: Chorus Intelligence Ltd  
Invoice no: INV555  
Payment date: 15/03/2022  
Net amount: £180,000.00

Supplier: Crowd Technologies Limited  
Invoice no: CC90080  
Payment date: 26/10/2021  
Net amount: £34,632.00

Supplier: Demux Video Services Limited  
Invoice no: 18-00183-INV-4  
Payment date: 08/06/2021  
Net amount: £32,800.00

Supplier: Equifax Plc  
Invoice no: C2010793  
Payment date: 01/03/2022  
Net amount: £1,272.93

Supplier: Experian Limited  
Invoice no: HEX54000715901  
Payment date: 27/04/2021

Net amount: £12,514.59

Supplier: Forensic Analytics Limited  
Invoice no: INV-0930  
Payment date: 20/04/2021  
Net amount: £40,500.00

Supplier: Grayshift  
Invoice no: INV-4125  
Payment date: 22/12/2021  
Net amount: £35,428.02

Supplier: Griffeye Technologies AB  
Invoice no: 201200790  
Payment date: 24/09/2021  
Net amount: £49,990.00

Supplier: Intaforensics Ltd  
Invoice no: 112292  
Payment date: 20/04/2021  
Net amount: £35,987.30

Supplier: Internet Investigation Solutions  
Invoice no: INV-00931  
Payment date: 08/02/2022  
Net amount: £95,332.66

Supplier: Kinesense Limited  
Invoice no: 90621  
Payment date: 21/06/2021  
Net amount: £25,290.00

Supplier: Mapchester Limited  
Invoice no: Map0258/001  
Payment date: 15/02/2022  
Net amount: £86,400.00

Supplier: Oxford Wave Research Limited  
Invoice no: GMP2021119  
Payment date: 15/02/2022  
Net amount: £4,812.00

Supplier: Recipero Limited  
Invoice no: RL-MINV-031  
Payment date: 31/08/2021  
Net amount: £76,500.00

Supplier: Saadian Technologies  
Invoice no: 100758  
Payment date: 07/09/2021  
Net amount: £44,105.50

Supplier: Telefónica Tech Northern Ireland  
Invoice no: 33294-C  
Payment date: 25/01/2022  
Net amount: £464,984.53"

6. To date, a substantive response has not been issued.

### **Reasons for decision**

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7. Section 1(1) of FOIA states that:

"Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled –

(a) to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request, and

(b) if that is the case, to have that information communicated to him."

8. Section 10(1) of FOIA states that a public authority must respond to a request promptly and "not later than the twentieth working day following the date of receipt".
9. On 28 July 2023 the Commissioner wrote to GMP, reminding it of its responsibilities and asking it to provide a substantive response to the complainant's request within 10 working days.
10. Despite this intervention GMP has failed to respond to the complainant.
11. From the evidence provided to the Commissioner in this case, it is clear that GMP did not deal with the request for information in accordance with FOIA. The Commissioner finds that GMP has breached section 10(1) by failing to respond to the request within 20 working days and it is now required to respond to the request in accordance with FOIA.

## Right of appeal

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12. Either party has the right to appeal against this decision notice to the First-tier Tribunal (Information Rights). Information about the appeals process may be obtained from:

First-tier Tribunal (Information Rights)  
GRC & GRP Tribunals,  
PO Box 9300,  
LEICESTER,  
LE1 8DJ

Tel: 0203 936 8963

Fax: 0870 739 5836

Email: [grc@justice.gov.uk](mailto:grc@justice.gov.uk)

Website: [www.justice.gov.uk/tribunals/general-regulatory-chamber](http://www.justice.gov.uk/tribunals/general-regulatory-chamber)

13. If you wish to appeal against a decision notice, you can obtain information on how to appeal along with the relevant forms from the Information Tribunal website.
14. Any Notice of Appeal should be served on the Tribunal within 28 (calendar) days of the date on which this decision notice is sent.

**Signed .....**

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