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Dear John Slater,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on 14 February.

You asked

Re Stories of data about lawful protesters being shared by police forces with the DWP

Greater Manchester Police (GMP) has stated that it has a data “sharing agreement” with DWP that led to information about protestors (e.g. at Conservative Party Conferences) being shared.

RFI1 – Please disclose a copy of the “sharing agreement” the DWP has with the GMP.

RFI2 – Please disclose the type of data shared by the:

- (a) DWP with the GMP.
- (b) GMP with the DWP.

Please note this is asking for the type of data, not the actual data which would be exempt under the FOIA.

RFI3 – Please confirm how many other “sharing agreements” the DWP has with UK police forces.

DWP Response

We do not hold recorded information in scope of your requests. However, you may find the following explanation useful. We have provided this outside our obligations under the Freedom of Information Act.

There is no sharing agreement between DWP and Greater Manchester Police or any other specific Police force. The sharing of any information between DWP and the Police is governed at a national level by data protection legislation where it is necessary for

the prevention or detection of crime. Appropriate safeguards are in place to ensure that personal data are treated proportionately and securely. More information can be found in our Personal Information Charter at

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-work-pensions/about/personal-information-charter>

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me quoting the reference number above.

Yours sincerely,

DWP Operations
Freedom of Information Team

Your right to complain under the Freedom of Information Act

If you are not happy with this response you may request an internal review by e-mailing freedom-of-information-request@dwp.gsi.gov.uk or by writing to DWP, Central FoI Team, Caxton House, Tothill Street, London, SW1H 9NA. Any review request should be submitted within two months of the date of this letter.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Office for a decision. Generally the Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted our own complaints procedure. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow Cheshire SK9 5AF ico.org.uk