

Date: 2nd April 2025
Our ref: FOI/25/014457/R

I write in connection with your request for information dated 21/03/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I am requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding incidents of public indecency recorded by your force. Please provide the following details for all recorded incidents of public indecency from 1st January 2022 to the present date:

- 1. A breakdown of the nature of each public indecency offense, including but not limited to:***
 - 1. Public sexual acts (including specifics such as intercourse, oral, or anal sex)***
 - 2. Indecent exposure/flashing***
 - 3. Public masturbation***
 - 4. Other forms of public indecency (please specify)***
- 2. The date and time of each recorded incident.***
- 3. The specific location of each incident (e.g., park, street name, shopping area, public transport).***
- 4. The outcome of each case, including:***
 - 1. Arrests made***
 - 2. Cautions issued***
 - 3. Charges brought and case outcomes (conviction, dropped, ongoing investigation, etc.)***

If any of this information is exempt from disclosure, please provide a partial response with the available details. If my request exceeds the cost limit, please let me know how it can be refined to remain within the limit.

I would appreciate receiving this information in a digital format such as an Excel or CSV file if possible.

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police (GMP) to locate information relevant to your request. I can confirm that the information you have requested is held by GMP.

However, GMP does not hold the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format.

Public Sexual Acts would fall under 'Other Sexual Offence' crime codes. There isn't a crime code for events occurring in a public place. To determine if a crime occurred in a public place would require a manual review of all crimes returned. From an initial search for the time period requested a total of 25,699 'Other Sexual Offence' crimes would require a manual review. At a very conservative estimate of 10 minutes per record would take this request over 4,283 hours to ascertain the data required.

Therefore as per section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the cost of providing you with the information is above the amount to which we are legally required to respond i.e. the cost of locating and retrieving the information exceeds the 'appropriate level' as stated in the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004.

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

However, in accordance with Section 16(1) – the duty to provide advice and assistance – of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, Greater Manchester Police will be unable able to provide advice for you to reduce the request in order for the force to keep this within the fees limit as a reduction to a year only would still exceed the cost limit.

Should you wish to refine and resubmit your request in line with the advice above please respond to freedomofinformation@gmp.police.uk