

Date: 25/07/2025

Our ref: 01/FOI/25/015084/M

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/015084/M

I write in connection with your request for information dated 10/07/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

The number of recorded arrests or incidents due to vape/s, e-cigarette/s, e-cig/s, elf bar/s, lost mary/s at Old Trafford / Manchester United football club, broken out per year for the past 4 football seasons.

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.

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

We are unable to answer the above as it would require manual review of all arrests in the Trafford district due to the fact that there are no search parameters for specifically the Old Trafford Stadium or 'vape/s, e-cigarette/s, e-cig/s, elf bar/s, lost mary/s', and the only other option would be a free text search of Arrest Circumstances (which would not be accurate).

The 2024-2025 season alone had 2425 arrests, so to manually review results for the past four seasons would definitely exceed the 18hr time limit

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.

In this instance, Greater Manchester Police will be unable to provide advice for you to reduce the request in order for the force to keep this within the fees limit in accordance with Section 16(1), the duty to provide advice and assistance, of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

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