

Date: 28th August 2025
Our ref: FOI/25/015186/R

I write in connection with your request for information dated 23/07/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Q1 For 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024, how many breaches of restraining orders were recorded?

- A. How many of the breaches recorded resulted in a no further action outcome?***
- B. How many of the breaches recorded resulted in a charge?***

Q2 For 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024, how many breaches of domestic violence protection orders were recorded?

- A. How many of the breaches recorded resulted in a no further action outcome?***
- B. How many of the breaches recorded resulted in a charge?***

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. Data in relation to DVPOs is not held centrally and to determine the outcome of a DVPO would require a manual review of all breaches. From an initial search carried out approximately 800 DVPO breaches would require a manual review. At a very conservative estimate of 5 minutes per record would take this request to in excess of 67 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.

GMP is obligated, pursuant to section 16(1) of the Act to provide you with advice and assistance on refining your request to bring compliance within the fees limit. In order for the force to keep this within the fees limit, the information that you are requesting will need to be reduced to a much shorter time period. The resulting response cannot be guaranteed at this point as it will be dependent upon the number of records that fall within the scope of any new request, as they would still have to be manually assessed.

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

Although excess costs remove GMP's obligations under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, as a gesture of goodwill I have supplied some information relative to your request that was retrieved before it was realised that the fees limit would be exceed (see below information). I hope that this is of use to you, but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fees regulations for the remainder of your request.

Caveats:

In July 2019, GMP implemented one of the largest IT infrastructure changes in UK policing. The systems are in continual development and the data provided for this request is what the systems currently hold.

1. The crime grand total is the volume of crimes recorded for breaches for the period 01/01/2020-31/12/2024. The data is provided by calendar year.
2. Where possible duplicates have been removed.
3. The data is based on the date the crime was created and not when the crime was committed.
4. For Breaches of Restraining Orders volumes for all Outcomes has been provided.

Question 1

Year	Crime Count
2020	5,781
2021	4,505
2022	7,404
2023	6,847
2024	6,759
Total	31,296

Question 1a & b

Crime Outcome	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Total
A Community Resolution (with or without formal restorative justice) (Formal Police Diversion Scheme) (8D)			1			1
Charge (1A)	3,010	2,304	4,007	4,058	4,256	17,635
Charged Alternative Offence (1C)	81	18	154	21	7	281

Decision Pending (98)				26	177	203
Eliminated (99A)	2	23	22	44		91
Evidential Difficulties Victim Based - No Suspect Identified (14)	31	3	44	13		91
Further Invest Not in Public Interest (Pol) (21)	137	48	48	21	53	307
Investigation Complete - No Suspect Identified (18)	18	12	103	84	21	238
Locate Trace (15E)					5	5
Missing Value	25	110	142	149	102	528
Named Suspect Too Ill (12)		1	1	7	7	16
Named Susp-Vict Dead/Too Ill (13)			10			10
Not In Public Interest (Cps) (9)	88	13	13			114
Offender Has Died (5)		3	1	16		20
Outcome 20 - Referred to Other Agency (96)	10	16	10	37		73
Prosecution Not in Public Interest (Pol) (10)	41	9	10	16	10	86
Prosecution Time Limit Expired (17)			9			9
Refer To PNC (15D)	2			9	12	23
Summons (1B)	18	31	18			67
Suspect Identified-Insufficient Evidence CPS (15A)	399	373	342	153	173	1,440
Suspect Identified-Insufficient Evidence Police (15B)	839	1,056	1,493	1,764	1,699	6,851
Suspect Identified-Insufficient Other (15C)	8	3	49	68	14	142
Suspect Identified-Victim Does not Support (16)	1,072	473	927	361	223	3,056
Tic - Master Crime Not GMP (4B)		9				9
Grand Total	5,781	4,505	7,404	6,847	6,759	31,296