

Date: 17/12/2025
Our ref: 01/FOI/25/015975/M

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/015975/M

I write in connection with your request for information dated 08/12/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Could you please disclose the following:

-The number of falls from multi-storey car parks your force has been called to in the last ten years (Jan 2016 to present day) – broken down by annual total.

-For each incident disclosed, please provide:

-The condition of the person who had fallen, ie seriously injured, already confirmed dead, or later confirmed dead.

-Whether it was logged as a suspected suicide

-The name and location of the car park

To clarify, could you please do search using the following key words/phrases:

-‘Fell’ or ‘fall from multi-storey’

-‘fall from height at car park’

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.

This request cannot be completed without carrying out a manual review on all the recorded incidents that match this request. This is due to our systems not having the functionality for an opening or closing code for falling from a height that we can use to identify incidents. Using a keyword search provided by yourself on request for clarification, we searched for any incidents that referenced 'Fall' or 'fall from multi-storey' 'fall from height at car park' and this located over 26,000 incident records between 01/01/2016 and 16/12/2025 that would need a manual review to see which match what you have asked. Given this total, GMP would not be able to complete this within the 18hrs permitted.

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 attempt to keep this within the fees limit, the information you are requesting will need revising with a reduced timeframe, however the need for a manual review will still be required, so a fresh set of keywords may also be of help. Alternatively, providing any relevant HO code may also be of assistance. 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.