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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/015915/A

I write in connection with your request for information dated 25/11/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I would like to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I would like to get data on arrests made under any section of the Public Order Act 2023. Specifically:

- *How many arrests were made under the Public Order Act 2023 during protests?*
- *What did those arrests lead to?*
 - o *No further action*
 - o *Release on bail*
 - o *Release on investigation*
 - o *Charged*
- *Of the arrests, how many were from an environmental protest (local and/or national/international groups)? It would be ideal if you could mention the protest group every time it is an environmental protest.*

Can you please share the data in an excel spreadsheet, giving data for each point mentioned above and for every month between May 2023 and the month when you reply to this.

I am happy to clarify my request if needed. Thank you for responding to my email confirming receipt of my request.

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.

GMP have carried out a search for any arrests under 'Public Order Act 2023' from May 2023 and this has revealed 0 results, however any arrests may have been recorded under a different offence or legislation. To be able to accurately provide this information a manual review will be required from all arrests in order to establish whether these arrests were during an environmental protest, as this level of information is not stored in a searchable manner. Given the number of arrests GMP make, this request could not be achieved 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 to request a specific piece of legislation such as HO offence codes or CJS offence codes. This can be searched via the links below. However, 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.

[CJS Offence Code | Criminal Justice Hub](#)
[Home Office Crime Recording Rules for frontline officers, staff - GOV.UK](#)