



Date: 04/03/2025
Our ref: 01/FOI/25/014138/F

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/014138/F

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

This is an information request relating to data breaches by Greater Manchester Police

Please include the following information:

1. *Please confirm the number of complaints relating to data breaches by Greater Manchester Police you have received in the financial years 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24, and 2024 to date*
2. *Please confirm how many such complaints, if any, were upheld*
3. *If any complaints were upheld, please provide information relating to the nature of the breach and confirm any amount paid in compensation*
4. *Please provide details of any data processing impact assessment that has been carried out in relation to the release of personal information via social media platforms*
5. *Please provide details of any data processing impact assessment that was conducted in relation to this post (<https://x.com/gmpolice/status/1886410869224952020>) from Greater Manchester Police on the social media platform 'X'*
6. *Please confirm who approved the posting of the above post on 'X'*

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, I am not obliged to supply you with the information as an exemption applies.

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires Greater Manchester Police, when refusing to provide such information (because this information is exempt) to provide you, the applicant, with a notice which: (a) states that fact, (b) specifies the exemption in question and (c) states (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies. The information you have requested in questions 2 & 3 is exempt from disclosure by virtue of the following exemption: **Section 40(2) – Personal Information.**

Where Section 40 has been used, this represents information that identifies a living individual, to disclose this information would breach the principles of the GDPR and the Data Protection Act 2018. Personal data is defined by Article 4 of the GDPR and Part 1 of the Data Protection Act 2018 and means any information relating to an identified or identifiable natural person ('data subject'). An identified natural person is one who can be identified directly or indirectly from that data.

In accordance with the Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, this letter acts as a Refusal Notice for the aforementioned information.

Regarding question 1, due to low numbers being returned for some years, we are unable to provide a yearly breakdown, as doing so would significantly increase the likelihood of identifying the individual(s) concerned, and as such the exemption under S40(2) – Personal Information, would be engaged and result in information being refused. By providing a combined total in this way, the information can be provided in its entirety.

1. 29.
2. Exempt under S40, see above.
3. Exempt under S40, see above.
4. This information is not held by GMP.
5. This information is not held by GMP.
6. This statement was approved by an Inspector and a Chief Inspector. It was published by the GMP Press Office.

Further information on the naming of charged individuals by police forces can be found in the [College of Policing's Media Relations Authorised Professional Practice](#).