

Date: 16/07/2025

Our ref: 01/FOI/25/015020/W

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/015020/W

I write in connection with your request for information dated 27/06/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

- 1. Could you provide details of the number of times police officers have been called to deal with criminal incidents at schools between 20 June 2020 - 20 June 2025?***
- 2. Could you tell me the types of crimes recorded on school premises each year between 20 June 2020 - 20 June 2025?***
- 3. How many children have been arrested at school between 20 June 2020 - 20 June 2025?***
- 4. How many children have been charged in connection with an incident that has taken place at school between 20 June 2020 - 20 June 2025?***

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 some of the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format.

To respond to question 3 and 4 of this request, a manual review of every detainee under the age of 18 would need to be carried out as we do not hold this information in a retrievable way. The review would be needed in order to see where they were arrested and/or if they were arrested/charged in connection with an incident that happened in school, as some arrests can take place at the school but have no connection as it may have been listed as the nearest landmark/location. This would consist of over 19,000 reviews and as such would not be able to be completed in under 18hrs.

If one part of the request engages a Section 12 response, the whole request will engage a Section 12 response. The reason being is locating, retrieving and extracting any further information would only add to the already exceeded time obligations and so no other searches have been completed at this stage.

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 the removal of questions 3 and 4. Additionally, we would need to carry out a word search for "school" to see what data we hold for questions 1 and 2. (see table below of options to choose for a revised request). With any request that requires a manual review there is always a chance of a request being refused under S12 due to the enormity of work that is usually needed to provide the data, therefore 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.

(as per our email to you on 04/07/25)

Crime MO Keyword	Crime MO Category	Crime MO Sub Category
Location	Educational Establishment	College
Location	Educational Establishment	Further Education
Location	Educational Establishment	Halls Of Residence
Location	Educational Establishment	Not Applicable
Location	Educational Establishment	Nursery
Location	Educational Establishment	Playground
Location	Educational Establishment	School
Location	Educational Establishment	Training Centre
Location	Educational Establishment	Universi