

Date: 18th June 2025
Our ref: FOI/25/014941/Y

I write in connection with your request for information dated 16/06/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

REQUEST 1:

What would you like to know?: I hope this email finds you well today.

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please could you provide the following information:

I would like to obtain some data regarding the 'Clear Hold Build' initiative titled 'Operation Affect' that is currently taking place at Rochdale Freehold estate.

For all activities that took place under this specific operation, I would like to know:

- 1. The total number of arrests made.*
- 2. The total number arrests made for each recorded category of crime, broken down into as many crime types as available.*
- 3. The total number of arrests made for each recorded ethnicity of the person being arrested.*
- 4. The total cost of the operation to date, as well as the total budget allocated for this operation.*

If the requested material is held in more than one format, I would prefer to receive it in electronic format, ideally as a searchable PDF or spreadsheet where applicable.

Given the guidelines under Section 10 of the Freedom of Information Act, I will look forward to a response to this request within 20 working days of receipt.

If it is anticipated that some or all of the requested information will be withheld under an exemption, please specify which exemption applies and why. If any part of the request is unclear or would benefit from clarification, I would be happy to assist.

If it is not possible to provide the information requested due to cost limits under Section 12, please advise me as to how I can refine my request to bring it within the appropriate limit.

If you are not the appropriate authority for this request, I would be grateful if you could forward it to the relevant body or advise me who I should contact.

REQUEST 2:

What would you like to know?: I hope this email finds you well today.

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please could you provide the following information:

I would like to obtain some data regarding the 'Clear Hold Build' initiative titled 'Operation Vulcan' I would like to know:

1. The total cost of the operation to date, as well as the total budget allocated for this operation.

If the requested material is held in more than one format, I would prefer to receive it in electronic format, ideally as a searchable PDF or spreadsheet where applicable.

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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 as the requested data is not held centrally on one system.

To provide a response regarding crime types would require an in depth manual review of each individual's record. This is because one person may have been arrested for multiple crimes and potentially on more than one occasion.

The ethnicity of the individual is not a mandatory field and would require a manual review of all individuals records across numerous systems in order to obtain the information and even then, the data may not be held.

From an initial search carried out there has been a total of 48 individuals arrested. Each record could take approximately 60 minutes to manually review. As such it is anticipated to take over 48 hours to collate and provide the information required.

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 keep this within the fees limit, the information that you are requesting will need to be reduced limiting the number of questions asked. 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