

Date: 5th June 2025
Our ref: FOI/25/014880/C

I write in connection with your request for information dated 04/06/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

What items have been seized during police raids conducted by GMP in the past two years, and how many of each type of item were confiscated?

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.

There is no searchable field to determine if an item was seized during a police raid and it would take a significant amount of time to collate the data into item types. To provide a response would require a manual review of each seized item and cross checking different systems to determine if the item was seized during a police raid. GMP seize approximately 15,000 items per month therefore, it is anticipated it would take more than 18 hours to provide the requested information.

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.

However, in accordance with Section 16(1) – the duty to provide advice and assistance – of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, Greater Manchester Police will be unable able to provide advice for you to reduce the request in order for the force to keep this within the fees limit.

Should you wish to refine and resubmit your request in line with the advice above please respond to freedomofinformation@gmp.police.uk