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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/014908/X

I write in connection with your request for information dated 09/06/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I am requesting information on how many times members of the press have contacted your force with a media enquiry and received no substantive response from your press office.

***Please treat this as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.
I am seeking the following information for each of the calendar years listed below:***

- ***2023 (1 January 2023 – 31 December 2023)***
 - ***2024 (1 January 2024 – 31 December 2024)***
 - ***2025 to date (1 January 2025 – date of your response)***
- 1. The total number of media enquiries received by your force's press or communications office during each of the above years.***
 - 2. The number of those media enquiries that received no substantive response — meaning the press office did not issue any reply, or only sent a holding response without following up with a proper answer.
For clarity, a holding response is defined for this FOI as an acknowledgement of the enquiry but no further action or reply is provided thereafter.***
 - 3. The current number of staff employed in your press or communications office (full-time and part-time only).
If the information cannot be provided by calendar year, please supply it in any available format, stating the timeframe covered.***

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 some of the information requested is held by GMP.

Caveats.

- Data provided is what GMP currently hold on its systems in a recorded form.
- These figures are the total conversations logged on the systems we use for keeping press office records.
- This data may not include all media enquiries received where we don't issue a response, as these are not recorded.
- Phone conversation enquiries received by the media may not all appear in the figures provided as some may not have been logged accordingly. For this reason, these figures cannot be relied upon for comparison with other forces.

1. 8715 – 2023
7661 – 2024
2970 – 2025 to date.
2. No information held. GMP do not record this information.
3. The total employed in GMP Press Office at present is 12.