

**Date:** 07/11/2025  
**Our ref:** 01/FOI/25/015642/U

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/015642/U**

I write in connection with your request for information dated 10/10/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

*I make this request on behalf of Post Office Limited.*

***We are instructed by [REDACTED] at the Middleton Road Branch on Middleton Road M8 4JY that on Thursday 2nd of October 2025 there was a terrorist Incident at Heaton Park Synagogue. As a result of this terrorist Incident the postmaster has explained to Post Office Limited that his post office branch had to close due to a stabbing happening in the area as people were not able to get in the branch. The postmaster reopened the branch on Monday 6th October 2025. As a result of this closure the postmaster is seeking a goodwill payment to cover the loss of trade between Thursday 2nd Oct to Monday 6th October 2025.***

- 1. Please could you advise whether the closure of the branch was requested by the Police?***
- 2. If the closure was instructed by the Police please can you advise of the rationale/crime scene proximity/within the Police cordon perhaps?***
- 3. Please could you also advise when the cordon was lifted to enable customers to be able to access Middleton Road Post Office Branch.***

**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.

- 1. Yes**
- 2. This was due to the Terrorist Incident that took place at Heaton Park Shul at approx. 9.30am on Thursday 2nd October, and the post office was deemed to be within the cordon parameter.**
- 3. Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October.**