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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/015645/X

I write in connection with your request for information dated 11/10/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

- 1. In total, how many arrests have been made under the Vagrancy Act since 21 June 2024?**
- 2. Please provide figures as a monthly breakdown and clarify how many arrests were made under each offence code for each month (e.g. 182/00, 183/00, 185/01, 188/05).**

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.

Caveats:

In July 2019, GMP implemented one of the largest IT infrastructure changes in UK policing. The systems are in continual development and the data provided for this request is what the systems currently hold.

Data provided are the results for the following CJSS codes, showing the number arrests for the dates specified under those arrest codes.

- 1.) Begging and wandering abroad (section 3 Vagrancy Act 1824) *CJS Code: VG24003;***
- 2.) Begging and wandering abroad - second/subsequent occasion (section 3 Vagrancy Act 1824) *CJS Code: VG24015;***
- 3.) Begging in a public place (section 3 Vagrancy Act 1824) *CJS Code: VG24005;***
- 4.) Begging in a public place - second or subsequent occasion (section 3 Vagrancy Act 1824) *CJS Code: VG24013;***
- 5.) Gather/collect alms/charitable donations by false pretence/fraud (section 4 Vagrancy Act 1824) *CJS Code: VG24021;***
- 6.) Lodging in a barn/outhouse/unoccupied building/open air (section 4 Vagrancy Act 1824) *CJS***

Code: VG24017;

7.) Persistently beg in a public place (second or subsequent offence) (section 3 Vagrancy Act 1824)

CJS Code: VG24047;

8.) Vagrant - being found in or upon enclosed premises (section 4 Vagrancy Act 1824) CJS Code: VG24018.

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2. Due to some low monthly results, the data has been broken down into the offence code totals per year as by providing all this information split by individual month as you have requested would significantly increase the likelihood of identifying the individual(s) concerned, and as such the exemption under S40(2) – Personal Information, would be engaged and result in information being refused. By replacing the data this way, it can be provided in its entirety.

Year	Offence code Totals
2024	VG24005 – 19 VG24013 – 2 VG24018 - 15
2025	VG24005 – 63 VG24013 – 11 VG24018 - 15