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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/25/015817/Z

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

Please provide me with the following information:

- 1. The number of prisoners your force has been notified of after they were released from prison by mistake at a time other than their scheduled release date. Please provide me with the information for the years 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025, broken down by year.***
- 2. If the data in question 1 can be broken down by prison - i.e., the prison from which the prisoners were released at a different time than their scheduled release date - please do so.***
- 3. The number of prisoners your force was notified of after they were released from prison by mistake at an earlier time than their scheduled release date. Please provide me with the information for the years 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025.***
- 4. If the data in question 3 can be broken down by prison - i.e., the prison from which the prisoners were mistakenly released early - please do so.***
- 5. For the prisoners released early in each year, please inform me of whether they were returned to prison and, if so, when. Please clarify whether any prisoners released early were not returned to the prison to serve their sentence and are still on the run.***

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police (GMP) to locate the requested information. I can confirm the information requested is not held by GMP.

GMP does not hold this information. For the information requested please submit a request to the Home Office.