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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/016572/W

I write in connection with your request for information dated 12/03/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

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please could you refine my request to remove question 3?

I would like to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please provide the following information covering the period 1 January 2021 to the date of this request, broken down by calendar year.

This request relates only to instances where retrospective or live facial recognition technology was used to generate an identification match which contributed to police action.

1) The total number of arrests made following a facial recognition match.

Of those arrests, the number that resulted in:

a) No further action;

b) A charge;

c) A conviction (where known).

2) The number of complaints received alleging wrongful arrest or misidentification arising from the use of facial recognition technology.

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.

However, I am not obliged to supply all the information as an exemption applies.

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires Greater Manchester Police, when refusing to provide such information (because this information is exempt) to provide you, the applicant, with a notice which: (a) states that fact, (b) specifies the exemption in question and (c) states (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies.

Question 2 is exempted from disclosure under **Section 40(2) Personal Information** – this information constitutes personal data of an identifiable living individual/s, and to disclose this information would breach the principles of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018. Personal data is defined by Section 1 of the Data Protection Act 2018 and means data that relates to an individual who can be identified directly or indirectly from that data.

Section 40 is an absolute exemption with no requirement to complete a public interest test.

Please see the remaining responses below.

Question 1.

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1a/1b.

- Out of the above arrests there have been 34 charges.
- The remaining are still on Police Bail.

1c.

GMP do not hold prosecution or conviction data as this is held by His Majesty's Courts and Tribunal Service (HMCTS). Please apply directly to HMCTS for such data.

Question 2.

See exemption above.

Please note – GMP do have a page which is regularly updated relating to LFR via the GP website here - [Live Facial Recognition | Greater Manchester Police](#)