

Date: 31/07/2026
Our ref: 01/FOI/26/017344/Q

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/017344/Q

I write in connection with your request for information dated 31/07/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

For the period 1 January 2023 to the date this request is processed (or the most recent three-year period available), please provide:

- 1. The total number of incidents recorded by Greater Manchester Police where the incident involved a deer (including roe deer).***
- 2. Of those incidents, how many occurred within the areas of:***
 - o Boothstown***
 - o Astley***
 - o Mosley Common***
- 3. Where possible, please provide a yearly breakdown for each area.***
- 4. Where this information is held, please also provide a breakdown of the reason for the police attendance, for example:***
 - o Deer involved in a road traffic collision.***
 - o Deer causing damage to a vehicle.***
 - o Injured or distressed deer.***
 - o Dead deer.***
 - o Deer causing a hazard on the highway.***
 - o Deer reported within a residential area.***
 - o Any other recorded category.***

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.

However, GMP does not hold the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format.

For GMP to be able to provide a response to this request, it would be necessary to undertake a substantial manual review of all incidents falling within the scope of the request. Searches have identified approximately 2,700 incidents created within the specified date range containing the term "deer" within the title, incident details, or contact comments.

Each incident would need to be individually reviewed to determine whether it is relevant to the request and to identify, extract and collate the requested information. Even using a conservative estimate of approximately 5 minutes per incident, the review of 2,700 incidents would take in excess of 225 hours to complete.

As the work required to determine, locate, retrieve and extract the information would significantly exceed the appropriate limit of 18 hours prescribed under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, GMP is unable to comply with the request in full.

Therefore, as per **Section 12(1)** of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the cost of providing you with the information is above the amount to which we are legally required to respond i.e. the cost of locating and retrieving the information exceeds the 'appropriate level' as stated in the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, this letter acts as a Refusal Notice.

GMP is obligated, pursuant to section 16(1) of the Act to provide you with advice and assistance on refining your request to bring compliance within the fees limit. In order for the force to attempt to keep this within the fees limit, the information you are requesting will need revising with a reduced time frame. With any request that requires a manual review there is always a chance of a request being refused under S12 due to the enormity of work that is usually needed to provide the data, therefore the resulting response cannot be guaranteed at this point as it will be dependent upon the number of records that fall within the scope of any new request, as they would still have to be manually assessed.

Should you wish to refine and resubmit your request in line with the advice above please respond to freedomofinformation@gmp.police.uk.