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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/016176/O

I write in connection with your request for information dated 15/01/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

This request is made following discussions with the College of Policing and in the context of work being undertaken to better understand close-contact assaults on officers in environments such as custody, hospital and post-arrest handling, and whether there may be a capability gap where existing tactical options are hard or impossible to use because of proximity, confinement or vulnerability.

For the most recent 12-month period Tand the current reporting year to date which data is readily available, please provide the following information in relation to Use of Force incidents recorded by GMP

The number of Use of Force incidents where the location was recorded as:

- 1. Custody (including booking-in areas, cell areas or custody suites)***
- 2. Hospital or medical setting***
- 3. Post-arrest transport or handling***
- 4. Of the incidents in (1), please state how many:***
- 5. Recorded that an officer was assaulted***
- 6. Of the incidents in (1), please state how many:***
- 7. Recorded that an officer was injured as a result of the incident***

8. *Where recorded, of the incidents in (1), please state how many:*
9. *Recorded that a Taser was available at the time of the incident*
10. *Where recorded, of the incidents in (1), please provide a breakdown by:*
11. *Primary subject behaviour category (e.g. active resistance, aggressive resistance, serious/aggravated resistance)*

Please provide the information as simple aggregated counts. No personal data is requested.

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.

12-month data has been supplied from 1st January 2025 to 31st December 2025

In line with the Home Office guidance:

- Each officer reports their own personal use of force. In cases where more than one officer used force on the same individual, there should be one record per officer for the incident. The records of use of force represent these individual officer submissions, therefore they do not equate to the number of incidents where force was used, nor do they represent the number of individuals against whom force was used.
- More than one tactic may be recorded in each submission. Therefore, the counts cannot be aggregated to a total number of incidents.
- Incident data for designated public order incidents is not included in the counts.

Question	12 month period - 1st Jan - 31st Dec 2025 (Data from New UOF Monthly Bulletin)	
	The number of incidents where the location is:-	Total Incidents
1	Custody (including booking-in areas, cell areas or custody suites	8,718
2	Hospital / Medical Setting	4,273
3	Post Arrest Transport / Handling	7,102
	For those incidents in custody, how many record that an officer was assaulted: -	
5	Assaulted	488
	Where 'Assaulted' is 'Yes' - Assaulted with weapon	19
	Where 'Assaulted' is 'Yes' - Spat at	86
	All - 'Assaulted with Weapon'	19
	All - 'Spat at'	316

7	For those incidents in custody, how many record that an officer was injured: -	
	Staff - Physically injured	38
	Staff - injured as a result of assault	16
	Where 'Staff - Physically injured' is YES - injury level: -	
	Severe	1
	Minor	35
	Not applicable	3
	Staff - medical assistance provided	Unknown
9	For those incidents in custody, how many record that a Taser was available at the time: -	1,278
11	Breakdown by Primary Subject Behaviour Type : -	
	Unknown	2
	Active Resistance	3174
	Compliant	877
	Headbutting	166
	Kicking	156
	Making Off	145
	Passive Resistance	1222
	Punching	80
	Spitting	232
	Threats & Aggression	2662