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Our ref: 01/FOI/25/015914/Z

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/015914/Z

I write in connection with your request for information dated 23/12/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Please provide the following information for your police force area relating to Section 11 of the Public Order Act 2023 ("suspicionless" stop and search authorisations):

1. *Number of Section 11 authorisations made since commencement.*
2. *For each authorisation, please provide (if held):*
 - a. *Date and time period of authorisation*
 - b. *Geographic area covered*
 - c. *Number of people searched*
 - d. *Number of arrests made as a result*
3. *Aggregate equality-monitoring data (if recorded): Sex, Age group, Ethnicity, Religion or belief, Disability*

If no authorisations have been used, please confirm this. If data are not held in an easily retrievable format, please provide what is available and state any gaps.

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police (GMP) to locate information relevant to your request. I can confirm that the information you have requested is held by GMP. However, I am not obliged to supply you with 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. The information you have requested relating to the date and time of the stop and search authorisation is exempt from disclosure by virtue of the following exemption: **Section 40(2) – Personal Information.**

Section 40(2) represents information that identifies a living individual, to disclose this information would breach the principles of the Data Protection Act 2018. Personal data is defined by Section 1 of the Data Protection Act 1998 and means data that relates to an individual who can be identified directly or indirectly from that data. Due to the low number of results, it would be possible to indirectly identify the person involved if this information were to be disclosed.

Section 40 is an absolute exemption and there is no requirement to conduct a public interest test for such data.

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.

The data supplied contains records for searches between 01/01/2019 and 11/12/2025.

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 - a. This information is exempt under S40. Please see above.
 - b. Salford.
 - c. 1.
 - d. 0.
3. The only recorded demographic or equality-monitoring information recorded is Self-Defined Ethnicity: Asian – Any other Asian background. Information regarding sex, age, religion or disability is not held by GMP.