

Date: 14th July 2026
Our ref: FOI/26/017135/J

I write in connection with your request for information dated 29/06/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Purpose of Request:

This request is for secondary research towards a university dissertation. The research examines supply chain and procurement practices in UK policing, with specific focus on how police forces manage uniform provision, operational costs, and the transition from force-specific to national/regional procurement models. This academic research contributes to understanding government efficiency and public sector supply chain management.

Questions:

- 1. How much is your Force's total annual budget for the last 5 financial years?***
- 2. How much of this is spent on your uniform stores provision for the last five financial years (the stores themselves and staffing of said stores)?***
 - 2a. If this is a separate number to the above, how much do you spend on the uniform issued?***
 - 2b. Is there any other spending attached to this function that would support this research? If so, please specify what, and how much?***
- 3. Do you run your own stores or collaborate with other forces and/or organisations?***
 - a. If other forces/organisations, please name which ones.***
- 4. What software do you use for officers ordering (e.g. Proactis etc)?***
- 5. What software do you use for ordering from suppliers?***
- 6. Do you use any warehousing software/inventory management?***
- 7. Do you use Amazon procurement or any similar system?***

8. Are you using the BlueLight Commercial procurement framework? If in part, please explain.

9. How many people are employed in your stores unit and what roles?

9a. What is your total staffing cost for uniform stores? If you are part of a collaboration, only the lead force needs to explain this.

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

To provide the amount spent on uniform store provisions including staff would require manually reviewing all financial records for each month over the past 5 years including historic data. Pay is not split out into different areas so extensive information would need to be acquired. As such, it is anticipated it would take in excess of 18 hours to provide the requested information.

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.

Greater Manchester Police 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 keep this within the fees limit, the information that you are requesting will need to be reduced. For example, removal of question 2. 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

Response to remaining questions

Question 1

The requested information is exempt under section 21 – *Information accessible to applicant by other means*. The information referred to is already available in the Public Domain. Please follow the link below.

The Force's total annual budget figures are publicly available at the below link.

[Annual Budget - Published items | Greater Manchester Police](#)

Question 2 – Exempt, please see above.

Question 2a

2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
£1,381,197.46	£1,611,135.45	£2,490,676.71	£4,216,197.92	£2,782,469.41

Question 2b – No other spending.

Question 3

We run our own Uniform Stores for GMP only.

Question 4

IProc System

Question 5

Oracle

Question 6

Oracle Inventory

Question 7

Yes, we use Amazon Business

Question 8

The following items of uniform and equipment are bought via Bluelight Commercial framework:

- Headwear & Accoutrements
- Headwear Badges
- Operational Tops
- Equipment Vests
- General Patrol Body Armour
- Waterproof Clothing
- Uniform Shirts
- Footwear
- PSU Clothing & Equipment
- PSU Gloves, Guards & Helmets
- Incapacitant Spray
- Ties & Cravats

Question 9

- 1 Stores Manager
- 1 Assistant Manager
- 1 Supervisor
- 1 Seamstress
- 4 Fitters
- 2 Admin Staff