



Date: 21/05/2026
Our ref: 01/FOI/26/016713/R

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/016713/R

I write in connection with your request for information dated 15/04/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I am writing to request information from you relating to offences for failing to comply with a red traffic light signal.

For the purposes of this request, I am referring to offences where a driver fails to stop at a red traffic light on a public road. Where possible, please exclude offences relating solely to other signal types such as level crossings or temporary roadworks signals.

I would be grateful if you could provide the following:

Q1. The total number of offences recorded for failing to comply with a red traffic light signal in each of the following calendar years: 2023, 2024, and 2025.

Q2. The total number of offences recorded for the same offence from 1 January 2026 to 31st March.

Q3. Where available, the top five locations, roads or junctions within your force area where the highest number of these offences were recorded.

Q4. Where available, a breakdown of offences by time of day. For example, grouped into bands such as:

Morning (5am to 11:59am)

Afternoon (12pm to 4:59pm)

Evening (5pm to 8:59pm)

Night (9pm to 4:59am)

Q5. Where available, the number of offences recorded in each month for the most recent full calendar year.

Q6. Where available, the total number of penalties issued for these offences, including Fixed Penalty Notices, prosecutions, or driver education courses.

If available, please indicate whether the figures provided include offences detected via automatic enforcement cameras.

If any element of this request is likely to exceed the Section 12 cost limit, please advise which parts can be provided within the limit.

Please provide the information in an Excel spreadsheet or CSV format if possible.

If you require any clarification regarding this request, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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, I am not obliged to provide all the information as exceptions apply.

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires GMP, when refusing to provide such information (because the 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 in question 3 is exempt from disclosure by virtue of the following exemptions: **Section 31(1)(a)(b) – Law Enforcement** and **Section 38(1) – Health and Safety**

S31 – Law Enforcement: Harm

GMP do not disclose league tables of red light cameras as this would reveal the location of those cameras which are currently in operation. We also do not disclose when our cameras are active or inactive. This will create misleading and potentially dangerous information into the public domain. This would create a perception of acceptable periods that motorists may breach red lights and locations that may not be in current operation and may encourage individuals to drive dangerously. This would impact on the law enforcement capabilities of GMP in the prevention and detection of crime and the apprehension or prosecution of offenders. Additionally, releasing this information could lead to targeted vandalism of the cameras, which would be contrary to GMPs function to prevent and detect crime.

Public Interest Test

Factors Favouring Disclosure

The disclosure details of any current road traffic enforcement locations would assist the populace in taking steps to better protect themselves. It would also show GMP's accountability in the use of public funds when policing particular areas.

Factors Favouring Non-Disclosure

Conversely to the factors in favour of disclosure, to publicly release road traffic enforcement information would impact on the law enforcement capabilities of GMP. It would encourage drivers who are intent on driving dangerously without generating a fine/endorsement, which would impact of GMP's ability to prevent and detect crime and apprehend or prosecute offenders.

S38 – Health and Safety: Harm

To disclose the locations of cameras and the periods that cameras are inactive would create a perception of the junctions that motorists can travel through at locations where cameras are not present. The more drivers who breach red lights, the higher the risk of collision, injury and death to other road users. This would undoubtedly increase the risk of the health and safety of the public.

Public Interest Test

Factors Favouring Disclosure

The disclosure of camera locations may assist members of the public to better protect themselves against potential road collisions. It would also encourage transparency between GMP and the public.

Factors Favouring Non-Disclosure

To divulge to the wider public where cameras are, and indirectly, where cameras are not, may encourage individuals to drive dangerously. The more drivers who drive dangerously, the higher the risk of collisions.

Balancing Test

When balancing the public interest test GMP must consider whether the information should be released into the public domain, therefore arguments need to be weighed against each other. The most persuasive reason for disclosing the information would be the fact that disclosure would encourage transparency, which needs to be weighed against the strongest reasons for non-disclosure, which in this case is the likelihood of individuals being put at risk. The safety of the communities GMP police is of paramount importance and the Force would not detrimentally impact on that safety by disclosing harmful information in response to a FOI request. Therefore, having considered all the factors for and against disclosure it is the decision at this time to maintain the above exemptions and withhold the information from disclosure.

The remainder of your request is not exempt and is provided below, subject to the following caveats:

Red traffic light offences fall under the overarching national offences for “failing to comply with red / green arrow / lane closure signals”. We do not record offences in any further detail than the national offence code.

We can only provide figures for offences that have been submitted to the GMP Central Ticket Office for process by way of the fixed penalty procedure. We do not hold data on cautions, warnings or direct to prosecution at court cases. Please contact His Majesty’s Courts and Tribunal Service for this information.

The figures do include offences detected via cameras

1.

CCCJS OFFENCE DESC	2023												
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
Drive on motorway, fail to comply with red / green arrow / lane closure signals - automatic equipment	611	628	582	161	264	904	169	380	121	360	355	184	4719
Drive on motorway, fail to comply with red / green arrow / lane closure signals - manual detection	29	11	10	9	15	15	41	29	8	10	3	9	189
Drive on road other than motorway, fail comply with red / green arrow / lane closure light signals	141	115	170	128	140	114	161	146	157	149	170	164	1755
Drive on road other than motorway, fail comply with red / green arrow / lane closure light signals - automatic equipment	266	242	265	289	282	204	175	154	120	119	48	22	2186
	1047	996	1027	587	701	1237	546	709	406	638	576	379	8849
	2024												
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	

Drive on motorway, fail to comply with red / green arrow / lane closure signals - automatic equipment	252	405	388	183	425	531	433	259	443	354	431	174	4278
Drive on motorway, fail to comply with red / green arrow / lane closure signals - manual detection	4	11	4	13	15	8	10	18	13	14	13	20	143
Drive on road other than motorway, fail comply with red / green arrow / lane closure light signals	185	188	195	173	188	183	169	200	188	241	201	223	2334
Drive on road other than motorway, fail comply with red / green arrow / lane closure light signals - automatic equipment	54	44	79	73	73	33	126	75	116	106	77	47	903
	495	648	666	442	701	755	738	552	760	715	722	464	7658
	2025												
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
Drive on motorway, fail to comply with red / green arrow / lane closure signals - automatic equipment	418	398	289	54	10	293	430	115	127	15	404	86	2639
Drive on motorway, fail to comply with red / green arrow / lane closure signals - manual detection	12	22	17	13	14	7	24	2	7	21	24	11	174
Drive on road other than motorway, fail comply with red / green arrow /	277	216	218	191	214	226	224	209	237	236	224	250	2722

lane closure light signals													
Drive on road other than motorway, fail to comply with red / green arrow / lane closure light signals - automatic equipment	86	38	28	42	57	58	73	66	20	90	99	152	
													809
	793	674	552	300	295	584	751	392	391	362	751	499	6344

2.

	2026			
	Jan	Feb	Mar	
Drive on motorway, fail to comply with red / green arrow / lane closure signals - automatic equipment	112	208	166	
				486

3. Exempt under S31 & S38, see above.

4.

Morning	4779
Afternoon	4619
Evening	5229
Night	9957

5. See answer to question 1.

6.

Fixed Penalty	2310
Awareness Course	15964
Prosecution	2211