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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/26/016966/K

I write in connection with your request for information dated 29/05/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Please could you provide me with the total number of school safety officers or school liaison officers in the force since 2015. Please could you break it down by year, for example:

2025: xxxx officers

2024: xxxx officers

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police (GMP) to locate the requested information. I can confirm the information requested is held by GMP.

Caveats:

Source – Force Strength Reports as at 31st March of relevant years.

Data – Headcount figures

A search has been carried out on Position Titles for all Police Officer roles - search criteria 'school', 'school liaison'

Limitations - *during the period of time in question, the role responsibilities of a 'Schools Officer' or a 'Schools Engagement Officer (SEO)' would have been undertaken by a Police Officer under a different role or as part of neighbourhood policing responsibilities. Therefore, reduced headcount total is not truly reflective of the work that was carried out by individual Officers as part of school engagement and liaison.

31st March	Headcount of Officers	Position Titles
2026	17	Schools Engagement Officer (SEO)

2025	18	Schools Engagement Officer (SEO)
2024	16	Schools Engagement Officer (SEO)
2023	13	Schools Engagement Officer (SEO)
2022	16	Schools Engagement Officer (SEO)
2021*	0*	N/A*
2020*	0*	N/A*
2019*	0*	N/A*
2018*	0*	N/A*
2017*	2*	Constable (Schools Coordinator)*
2016	12	Schools Officer
2015	19	Schools Officer