

Date: 24th February 2026
Our ref: FOI/26/016221/C

I write in connection with your request for information dated 22/01/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act. In order to assist you with this request, I am outlining my query as specifically as possible.

I would be interested in any information held by your organisation regarding my request. If you need further clarification, please contact me by email.

1, How many closure orders have police secured, broken down by the following financial years? 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025

2, Of those how many were:

A, residential addresses

B, How many were non-residential addresses

Should it become apparent that answering this FOI in full would exceed the cost limit please provide the answer to question 1 only.

If my request is denied in whole or in part, I ask that you justify all deletions by reference to specify exemptions of the act. I will also expect you to release all non-exempt material.

I would be grateful if you could confirm in writing that you have received this request. I look forward to your response within 20 working days, as outlined by the statute.

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. The central recording of closure orders started in 2023. To attempt to provide the number of records before 2023 would require significant enquiries from numerous officers on each individual district, even then the information would not be accurate to provide under the Freedom of Information act.

A further review to provide a response to question 2 would be required as the information is not held centrally. We cannot confirm if a premises is residential or commercial without making further enquiries for each individual order. From an initial search there are 148 closure orders for 2023/24 and 2024/25. At an estimate of 10 minutes per record would take this part alone in excess of 24.6 hours to ascertain the data required.

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.

GMP 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 reduction in time period and removal of question 2. 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

Although excess costs remove GMP's obligations under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, as a gesture of goodwill I have supplied some information relative to your request that was retrieved before it was realised that the fees limit would be exceed (see below information). I hope that this is of use to you, but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fees regulations for the remainder of your request.

Question 1

Year	Police-Led Closure Orders	Partner-Led Closure Orders
2023/24	12	38
2024/25	43	55

'Partner-led' orders are those where GMP have had significant involvement in the application, but the partner agency has made the final application

The information for 2025/26 final tracker is not collated yet as we are not at year end.