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Our ref: 01/FOI/26/016671/Y

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/016671/Y

I write in connection with your request for information dated 05/04/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

My request relates to the policing and enforcement of the National Safe Access Zones around abortion clinics, which came into force on 31 October 2024.

Please could you provide the following data for the period between 31 October 2024 and the date this request is processed:

1. *The total number of incidents or "calls for service" logged by your force where the call was explicitly categorised or flagged as relating to a suspected breach of Section 9 of the Public Order Act 2023 (Interference with access to or provision of abortion services).*
2. *The total number of individuals arrested by your force for an offence under Section 9 of the Public Order Act 2023.*
3. *The total number of charges brought by your force for an offence under Section 9 of the Public Order Act 2023.*

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.

1. This information is not held by GMP. We do not have a specific flag for incidents relating to S9 of the Public Order Act 2023.

2. We have searched for arrests between 31/10/2024 – 05/04/2026 for offences '*under Section 9 of the Public Order Act 2023*'. We also searched using the offence code PU23009 but in both instances the searches yielded no results. We therefore conclude that there have been zero arrests under S9 of the Public Order Act 2023 in your requested timeframe.
3. This information is not held by GMP. This offence is not a notifiable offence under the current Home Office Counting Rules, so GMP are not required to create a crime report for this offence. Due to this, it is not possible to establish if any individuals have been charged. Further information on this may be available from the Crown Prosecution Service, or His Majesty's Courts and Tribunal Service.