

Date: 22nd April 2026
Our ref: FOI/26/016743/X

I write in connection with your request for information dated 21/04/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Please provide the following information:

1) The number of criminal investigations reported to GMP on or before 31st May 2024 that remain open on your crime recording system (for the avoidance of doubt, this refers to the date of reporting, not the date of the alleged incident).

2) Of those investigations that remain open, the number that have not yet been referred to the Crown Prosecution Service for a charging decision.

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. There is no searchable field to determine how many crimes have been referred to CPS for a charging decision. To collate this information each individual record would need to be manually reviewed. There are 2,521 open relevant crimes which would need to be manually reviewed. 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.

Section 16(1) – the duty to provide advice and assistance – of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, Greater Manchester Police will be unable able to provide advice for you to reduce the request in order for the force to keep this within the fees limit.

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

There are 2,521 open crimes that were reported on or before 31/05/2024.

Question 2

Exempt, please see above.