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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/26/016649/A

I write in connection with your request for information dated 31/03/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

*I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.
I would like to obtain the following information regarding roadside drink driving and drug driving enforcement.*

1. Roadside breath tests (alcohol) - monthly data For each month from January 2015 to December 2025, please provide:

- * **The number of roadside breath tests conducted**
- * **Of those, the number that resulted in:**
- * **A positive result**
- * **A refusal/failure to provide a sample**

2. Roadside drug wipe tests (saliva tests) - monthly data For each month from January 2015 to December 2025, please provide:

- * **The number of roadside drug wipe tests conducted**
- * **Of those, the number that resulted in:**
- * **A positive result**
- * **A refusal/failure to provide a sample**

3. Arrests - monthly data

For each month from January 2015 to December 2025, please provide:

- * **The number of arrests following:**
- * **A positive roadside breath test**
- * **A positive roadside drug wipe test**
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4. Notes on data

If any of the above information is not held, not recorded monthly, or only available for part of the period, please provide whatever equivalent data is available and outline any limitations.

5. Public interest justification

This request relates to public interest on long term national trends in drink and drug driving enforcement. These statistics are typically recorded in monthly or quarterly formats for internal monitoring and Home Office returns. If any part of the request risks exceeding the cost limit, I would be grateful for the data that can be retrieved within the limit and for advice on how the request could be refined.

I would prefer the information in an electronic spreadsheet format (e.g., CSV or XLS), if possible.

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.

Question 1

Please note, positive and refused are grouped together as it leads to arrest. There is no way of splitting the data as this is how the Home Office requires the data.

2024 - Data lost due to technical issues. The months effected are shown as highlighted.

Calendar Year	Month	Number of breath tests	Number of positive or refused breath tests
2015	January	762	127
2015	February	534	99
2015	March	499	118
2015	April	566	128
2015	May	545	104
2015	June	925	126
2015	July	588	123
2015	August	638	112
2015	September	608	102
2015	October	568	95
2015	November	604	123
2015	December	1,281	165
2016	January	318	55
2016	February	241	59
2016	March	187	43
2016	April	340	80
2016	May	452	142
2016	June	609	109
2016	July	572	113
2016	August	624	141
2016	September	763	158
2016	October	805	178
2016	November	844	181

2016	December	2,011	210
2017	January	713	104
2017	February	574	101
2017	March	535	110
2017	April	557	124
2017	May	545	117
2017	June	854	124
2017	July	581	133
2017	August	637	95
2017	September	677	86
2017	October	613	169
2017	November	683	137
2017	December	1,281	171
2018	January	641	154
2018	February	511	105
2018	March	567	142
2018	April	672	150
2018	May	634	140
2018	June	1,001	161
2018	July	846	187
2018	August	835	194
2018	September	815	206
2018	October	896	220
2018	November	977	219
2018	December	2,171	338
2019	January	888	168
2019	February	812	186
2019	March	916	206
2019	April	982	225
2019	May	968	217
2019	June	1,168	208
2019	July	934	192
2019	August	891	202
2019	September	773	178
2019	October	1,064	266
2019	November	949	231
2019	December	1,728	292
2020	January	811	169
2020	February	1,038	211
2020	March	767	142
2020	April	444	98
2020	May	757	177
2020	June	840	180

2020	July	1,045	207
2020	August	893	197
2020	September	772	159
2020	October	504	117
2020	November	297	59
2020	December	2,110	432
2021	January	748	157
2021	February	551	146
2021	March	635	111
2021	April	759	188
2021	May	912	213
2021	June	812	205
2021	July	817	176
2021	August	897	230
2021	September	744	180
2021	October	792	209
2021	November	822	198
2021	December	1,250	249
2022	January	832	192
2022	February	718	181
2022	March	794	188
2022	April	838	190
2022	May	884	194
2022	June	877	204
2022	July	911	194
2022	August	1,071	211
2022	September	905	198
2022	October	1,020	257
2022	November	1,212	233
2022	December	1,718	338
2023	January	1,012	185
2023	February	732	173
2023	March	662	131
2023	April	784	172
2023	May	866	187
2023	June	1,024	191
2023	July	946	192
2023	August	963	199
2023	September	864	178
2023	October	901	218
2023	November	911	190
2023	December	1,891	321
2024	January	77	16

2024	February	26	1
2024	March	26	9
2024	April	51	15
2024	May	41	5
2024	June	98	14
2024	July	124	17
2024	August	151	32
2024	September	446	72
2024	October	930	137
2024	November	1,134	196
2024	December	2,761	295
2025	January	1,366	199
2025	February	1,361	187
2025	March	1,258	182
2025	April	1,262	189
2025	May	1,250	193
2025	June	1,144	177
2025	July	1,000	151
2025	August	1,190	214
2025	September	1,075	143
2025	October	1,099	156
2025	November	1,198	172
2025	December	2,299	213

Question 2

The information provided below is how the data is held. The data is not held in a monthly format.

Drug wipe data only started being recorded in 2018. 2025 figures are not yet available.

Year	Total number of tests	Positive	Negative
2018	846	388	458
2019	2,035	968	1,067
2020	2,447	1,324	1,123
2021	1,519	748	771
2022	1,349	678	671
2023	3,481	1,692	1,789
2024	3,194	1,578	1,616

Question 3

We don't have data going back to 2015, I have provided the first full year that I have access to Jan 2020 to Dec 2025.

The below refers to the number of arrests for either a drink or drug driving offences, this does not equate to the number of individuals arrested as an individual can be arrested for more than one offence.

Month	Total number of Arrests – Drink
2020	
January	121
February	89
March	92
April	71
May	124
June	103
July	105
August	114
September	96
October	92
November	83
December	110
2021	
January	106
February	112
March	102
April	132
May	142
June	154
July	144
August	177
September	157
October	165
November	158
December	186
2022	
January	177
February	150
March	164
April	180
May	158
June	168
July	167
August	202
September	192
October	187
November	200
December	199
2023	
January	204
February	162
March	145
April	192
May	224
June	192
July	184
August	202
September	181
October	172
November	191
December	228

2024	
January	195
February	180
March	219
April	216
May	202
June	207
July	204
August	185
September	197
October	185
November	207
December	250
2025	
January	197
February	201
March	184
April	192
May	204
June	169
July	169
August	209
September	169
October	191
November	196
December	223
Total	12,107

Month	Total number of Arrests – Drugs
2020	
January	129
February	102
March	99
April	104
May	139
June	143
July	167
August	119
September	125
October	120
November	152
December	201
2021	
January	129
February	98
March	125
April	107
May	126
June	104
July	87
August	77
September	85

October	94
November	99
December	120
2022	
January	99
February	109
March	131
April	109
May	129
June	161
July	166
August	202
September	221
October	197
November	237
December	261
2023	
January	259
February	209
March	279
April	177
May	217
June	213
July	239
August	249
September	185
October	202
November	234
December	224
2024	
January	217
February	194
March	230
April	226
May	247
June	198
July	207
August	203
September	195
October	234
November	219
December	273
2025	
January	224
February	227
March	214
April	190
May	213
June	213
July	171
August	243
September	224
October	199
November	209

December	225
Total	12,755