

Date: 14th April 2026
Our ref: FOI/26/016667/C

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/26/016667/C

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

Hope you are well. I'm writing to make a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I request the following information for the period 1 January 2019 to 1 April 2025:

1. The total number of investigations, enquiries or operational tasks that your force has outsourced, contracted or commissioned to any private investigation firm, private detective agency or external investigator (excluding other public bodies and law enforcement agencies).

For each investigation, please provide:

- a. the name of the private investigation firm or individual engaged;***
- b. the nature or category of the investigation or task (e.g. surveillance, background checks, fraud, digital forensics, process serving, asset tracing);***
- c. the value of the contract or fee paid, or an estimate if the precise figure is not held centrally;***
- d. The date, by month and/or year, the investigation was commissioned or outsourced.***

2. The total number of investigations, enquiries or operational tasks that your force has outsourced, contracted or commissioned to TM Eye Limited, the nature or category of the investigation or task, and the value of the contract or fee paid.

Where any information is withheld, I ask that you identify the specific exemption(s) relied upon, confirm whether the public interest test has been applied, and provide a refusal notice in the form required by section 17 of the Act. I am happy to receive statistical data in aggregate form where individual case details are operationally sensitive.

If you require clarification before processing this request, please contact me as soon as possible so as not to delay the statutory deadline.

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 not held by GMP.