

Date: 13th April 2026
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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/26/016679/G

I write in connection with your request for information dated 08/04/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I would be grateful if you could provide me with the following information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act please:-

- 1. The current number of police officers in your Force.***
- 2. The current number of civilian staff.***
- 3. The number of staff in your Legal Department, expressed in FTE.***
- 4. The number of qualified lawyers (meaning solicitors, barristers and legal executives) in your Legal Department, expressed in FTE.***
- 5. Whether civil claims are conducted in-house by your Legal Department or whether they are outsourced.***
- 6. If your civil claims are conducted in-house:***
 - a. please state the total number of FTE employees in your civil claims section.***
 - b. please state the total number of qualified lawyers (meaning solicitors, barristers and legal executives) in your civil claims section, expressed in FTE.***

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 – There was a headcount of 8,088 Police Officers on 31st March 2026, excluding externally seconded and career break officers. All PCSO, Police Staff Agency and Police Staff figures have been excluded also.

Question 2 – There was a headcount of 4,249 Police Staff on 31st March 2026, excluding externally seconded police staff. All PCSO's, Police Staff Agency and Police Officers figures have also been excluded.

Question 3 – Legal Services had total of 50.2 FTE on 31st March 2026.

Question 4 – 27.6

Question 5 – Whilst primarily handled in-house some civil claims are outsourced using the National Legal Services Framework.

Question 6a – 21

Question 6b – 8.6