

**Date:** 14<sup>th</sup> April 2026  
**Our ref:** FOI/26/016697/I

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/26/016697/I**

I write in connection with your request for information dated 13/04/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

***Pursuant to S1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("the Act"), I am writing to make a request for the below outlined information. I am looking to find out about your use of Live Facial Recognition (LFR) technology in 2025.***

***Please note, my terminology is from this explainer document and my requests are based on publicly reported metrics.***

- 1. The number of LFR deployments and total deployment hours each month.***
- 2. The number of alerts, true alerts and confirmed true alerts each month.***
- 3. The number of false alerts, confirmed false alerts and false alert rate each month.***
- 4. If recorded, the estimated number of faces seen each month.***
- 5. The number of engagements and arrest outcomes as a result of LFR each month.***
- 6. Confirmation of if any LFR false alerts led to arrest outcomes.***

***If any metric is not recorded, please continue to provide the rest. In accordance with S11(1) of the Act, I would like this information presented to me via a Microsoft Word, PDF or Excel document, sent to me via email please.***

***I would be grateful if you could confirm that you have received this request and I look forward to hearing from you. If my request is denied in whole or part, I ask that you justify all deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the act. I also expect you to release all non-exempt material.***

**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. However, I am not obliged to provide the information requested as an exemption applies.

When refusing to provide such information because an exemption applies, Section 17(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires GMP, to provide you - the applicant - with a notice which: (a) states that fact, (b) specifies the exemption in question and (c) states (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies.

The requested information is exempt under **section 21 – Information accessible to applicant by other means**. The information referred to is already available in the Public Domain. Please follow the links below.

#### Question 1 – 4

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Please see the “**Form 12 – FR Register of Deployments**” document for all the information request.

#### Question 5

| Month         | Total Engagement | Arrest Outcomes |
|---------------|------------------|-----------------|
| October 2025  | 3                | 3               |
| November 2025 | 18               | 14              |
| December 2025 | 36               | 13              |

#### Question 6

There were no arrests resulting from a false alert. The false alert recorded was on a duty Police officer dedicated to LFR deployment. This false alert was presented during the setup phase. As a result, the set up process has been amended.

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