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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/016772/C

I write in connection with your request for information dated 27/04/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I would like to request the following information, under the Freedom of Information Act, in relation to the policing operation for Britain First and antifascist demonstrations on 18th April 2026.

- 1. The total number of PAVA deployments made by officers during the operation on 18 April 2026.***
- 2. Whether authorisation for the use of PAVA was given by a public order commander on the day, and if so at what point during the operation this authorisation was given.***
- 3. The number of use of force forms completed by officers on the day, and the number of these which were in relation to PAVA deployments.***

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police (GMP) to locate the requested information and I can confirm the information requested is held by GMP.

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2. No recorded authorisation is held, however officers may use PAVA in situations like these if the reason for use can be justified.
3. There were 382 UoF forms completed for the 18/04/26. From these only 3 of our U of F relate to Pava drawn or used.
Please note that this figure may change if late UoF forms are submitted.