

Date: 15th May 2026
Our ref: FOI/26/016826/Z

I write in connection with your request for information dated 05/05/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

1. How many police officers made no arrests during the periods of:

(a) 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024

(b) 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025

(c) 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026

2. How many police officers made fewer than 5 arrests in the same periods of a), b) and c)?

3. What was the total number of police officers (FTE) in this constabulary as of 1 April 2023, 1 April 2024 and 1 April 2025?

Result of Searches

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

However, GMP does not hold the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format.

The information request in question 1 and 2 is not held centrally on a single system. To determine the number of arrests an officer has made including no arrests we would need to run multiple reports and all officer records would need to be manually reviewed to determine if they are off sick, on restricted duties or their specific post. As such, it is anticipated it would take in excess of 18 hours to provide the requested information.

Therefore, as per section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the cost of providing you with the information is above the amount to which we are legally required to respond i.e. the cost of

locating and retrieving the information exceeds the 'appropriate level' as stated in the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, this letter acts as a Refusal Notice.

Section 16(1) – the duty to provide advice and assistance – of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, Greater Manchester Police will be unable able to provide advice for you to reduce the request in order for the force to keep this within the fees limit.

Although excess costs remove GMP's obligations under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, as a gesture of goodwill I have supplied some information relative to your request that was retrieved before it was realised that the fees limit would be exceed (see below information). I hope that this is of use to you, but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fees regulations for the remainder of your request.

Question 3

Please note: we do not hold reporting on 1st April and therefore I have provided 31st March of relevant year(s).

FTE figures exclude externally seconded and career break officers.

- 7798.58 FTE Officers – 31st March 2023
- 7934.81 FTE Officers – 31st March 2024
- 7904.11 FTE Officers – 31st March 2025