Information Access Unit
Information Management and Data Directorate

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/017759/J

I write in connection with your request for information dated 30/09/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request the following information.

1. *Please confirm the year in which Operation Encompass became operational within your police force area, defined as the commencement of routine police-to-school domestic abuse notifications.*

2. *Please also give the month in which it became operational, if this is held.*

3. *If Operation Encompass (or an equivalent scheme under another name) became operational at different dates in different local authority areas within your force area, please give the month and year for each of: Bolton, Bury, Manchester, Oldham, Rochdale, Salford, Stockport, Tameside, Trafford, Wigan.*

4. *If a pilot preceded the full rollout, please give the dates and area of the pilot separately from the date of full operational rollout.*

5. *School communications in Oldham and Tameside state that Operation Encompass began jointly with Greater Manchester Police on 21 January 2019. Please confirm whether this was the start date across all ten Greater Manchester local authorities, or correct it.*

This information is for academic research at Royal Holloway, University of London, on police-to-school safeguarding and children's outcomes. I would be grateful to receive the information by email. If answering in full would exceed the cost limit, please prioritise questions 1 and 2. Thank you for your help.

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.

1. 2017.

2. September.

3. This information is not held by GMP.

4. The operation started in North Manchester on 4th September 2017, and then in Central and South Manchester on Monday 8th January 2018. Roll out after this is not recorded.

5. No, as above, the roll out started in 2017 across the City of Manchester.