GREATER MANCHESTER POLICE

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Our ref: 01/FOI/26/017784/K

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/017784/K

I write in connection with your request for information dated 04/10/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I request the following information concerning structured immigration-status information held within your custody, arrest or records-management systems.

I am seeking only information that can be obtained from existing structured fields and existing automated reporting/database functionality.

1. *Systems*
    a. *Please identify the principal system currently used to record arrests/custody records, for example Niche RMS, Athena/Connect or another system.*
    b. *Please also identify, where readily available, the reporting or Business Intelligence tool used to produce statistical reports from that system, for example Power BI, BOXI or equivalent.*

2. *Immigration-status fields*
    a. *Please confirm whether arrest or custody records contain any structured field recording immigration status or an equivalent category.*
    This might, for example, be called:
    "Immigration Status"
    "Custody Person Immigration Status"
    "Cust Per Immigration Status"
    or another equivalent field.
    Please provide the name of the field used by your force.

3. *Available values*
    a. *Please provide the selectable values, codes or categories available within that structured field and their definitions.*

For example, another UK police force has disclosed categories including:
ASY – Asylum seeker
EXP – Expired status
ILE – Illegal entry
ILL – Illegal immigrant
ILR – Indefinite leave to remain
ILT – Indefinite leave to enter
IMG – Legal immigrant
RCL – Refugee claimant
REF – Refugee
SVA – Student visa
VIS – Legal visitor
WVA – Working visa
I am not assuming your force uses these categories. Please provide the values actually used by your system.

4. *Annual arrest-record totals*
    a. *For each calendar year from 1 January 2018 to the latest date available, please provide the number of arrest/custody records falling within each value of the structured immigration-status field.*
    Please also provide:
    b. *number recorded as blank / not recorded / unknown;*
    c. *total number of arrest records for each year.*

    I am requesting arrest records rather than unique individuals, unless your existing reporting system only produces figures by individual, in which case please state this.

5. *Automated reporting*
    a. *Please confirm whether the figures requested in Question 4 can be obtained through an existing automated query, reporting tool, Business Intelligence system or database report without manually examining individual records.*
    b. *If yes, please identify the reporting system where readily available.*

6. *Where information is unavailable*
    a. *If your force does not have a structured immigration-status field capable of producing these figures, please simply confirm:*
    "No structured field/report capable of producing the requested figures is held."
    There is no requirement to search free-text records to answer this request.

Result of Searches

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

1a. Policeworks
1b. IBM – Cognos
2. Not recorded
3. N/A
4. N/A
5. IBM – Cognos
6. No structured field/report capable of producing the requested figures is held.