Information Access Unit
Information Management and Data Directorate

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/017833/C

I write in connection with your request for information dated 12/10/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please provide the following information about accelerated police misconduct hearings held by your force, broken down by calendar year from 2021 to 2025, and separately for 2026 up to the date of this request.
Annual figures
1. The total number of accelerated misconduct hearings held each year.
2. The number of hearings each year where the officer's identity was withheld from the public, broken down into:
a) Public hearings where the officer was not named.
b) Partly private hearings where the officer was not named.
c) Wholly private hearings where the officer was not named.
Please include officers identified only by a letter, number, pseudonym, or rank. Count each hearing once. Where this distinction is already recorded in an existing register or dataset, please distinguish between formal anonymity restrictions and cases where the officer's name was omitted from published information.
3. Of the hearings identified in question 2, how many officers remained unnamed when the outcome was published? Please distinguish between officers dismissed, former officers who would have been dismissed, and other outcomes. Where recorded, please also identify cases where anonymity was first imposed at the outcome stage.
4. Separately, how many accelerated hearings were held wholly or partly in private each year, including those where the officer's identity was publicly known?
Case information
5. For hearings identified in questions 2 or 4, please provide any existing hearing register, schedule, notice, or outcome record containing:
- *Hearing date and officer's rank.*
- *Nature of the misconduct allegations.*
- *Whether the hearing was public, partly private, or wholly private.*

- *Whether the officer's identity remained withheld following the outcome.*
- *Hearing outcome.*
- *Recorded reason for anonymity or exclusion of the public (including any decisions recorded under Regulation 59 of the Police (Conduct) Regulations 2020). Please provide recorded reasons for anonymity or exclusion only where these are available from existing registers, schedules or summary records, without examining individual hearing files or written decisions.*

I am not requesting the identities of officers subject to lawful anonymity restrictions, copies of full disciplinary files, or a manual review of individual case files to compile information not otherwise readily available.
Please provide the information electronically, preferably in spreadsheet format. Existing records or schedules are acceptable where figures are not held in a separate statistical format. If compliance would exceed the Section 12 cost limit, please provide advice and assistance under Section 16, identifying the elements responsible and how the request could be narrowed to obtain the annual figures within the limit.

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. To provide the data requested in questions 2, 3 and 4 would involve a manual search of misconduct records to establish if the officer involved was ever named.

A search of our misconduct records shows that there are 172 records that would have to be manually reviewed. At a very conservative estimate of 40 minutes to locate, retrieve and review each file it would take approximately 115 hours to ascertain the data required. Therefore, to comply with the whole of your request the process would take over 18 hours' work which exceeds the appropriate limit of £450.00, the amount to which we are legally required to respond.

As per section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the cost of providing you with the information is therefore 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. If one part of the request engages a Section 12 response, the whole request will engage a Section 12 response. The reason being is locating, retrieving and extracting any further information would only add to the already exceeded time obligations and so no other searches have been completed at this stage.

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

GMP is obligated, pursuant to section 16(1) of the Act to provide you with advice and assistance on refining your request to bring compliance within the fees limit. For the force to keep this within the fees limit, the information that you are requesting will need to be reduced to a greatly reduced time period. The resulting response cannot be guaranteed at this point as it will be dependent upon the number of records that fall within the scope of any new request, as they would still have to be manually assessed.