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Our ref: 01/FOI/26/017564/A

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/017564/A

I write in connection with your request for information dated 01/09/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

1. *Do you maintain a database of owners of private CCTV, doorbell cameras and dashboard cameras (henceforth referred to as CCTV) willing to share video with you for law enforcement purposes?*
2. *If yes, how many CCTV owners or systems are in the database currently?*
3. *If yes to Q1, please provide a breakdown of the location of CCTV owners/systems by postcode area*
4. *If yes to Q1, how many times have you solicited footage from anyone in the database for each of the past 3 years?*
5. *If yes to Q1, is there guidance governing the use of this database? If so, please provide the relevant document or documents.*
6. *If yes to Q1, please list the main methods by which you gather people willing to be added to the database.*
7. *Do you ever access privately owned CCTV without the permission of the owners?*

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police to locate information relevant to your request. Please see below answers to your questions.

1. No
2. N/A
3. N/A
4. N/A
5. N/A
6. N/A
7. Police officers may obtain privately owned CCTV without the consent of the owner where lawful powers permit this, including powers under the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984.

Accordingly, there are circumstances in which privately owned CCTV may be accessed without the owner's permission.