**Date:** 30/09/2026
**Our ref:** 01/FOI/26/017601/O

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/017601/O**

I write in connection with your request for information dated 07/09/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

***Dates - 1st January - 30th June 2026***

***During this period, how many electronic tag breaches did GMP staff deal with?***

***How many of these breaches resulted in an arrest?***

**Result of Searches**
Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police (GMP) to locate the requested information and I can confirm the information requested is held by GMP.

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

GMP would be unable to respond to this request without undertaking a manual review of thousands of records. Due to the way these incidents are recorded on our systems, it is not possible to readily extract the number of electronic tagging breaches dealt with by GMP or identify how many subsequently resulted in an arrest.

A search for records relating to breaches of bail conditions has returned in excess of 4,100 cases. To review each record individually to establish whether it relates to an electronic tag breach and to determine whether an arrest followed would require a substantial manual examination. This process would significantly exceed the 18-hour cost limit prescribed under the Freedom of Information Act.

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.

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. In order for the force to attempt to keep this within the fees limit, the information you are requesting will need revising with a reduced time frame or the removal of how GMP dealt with each case. With any request that requires a manual review there is always a chance of a request being refused under S12 due to the enormity of work that is usually needed to provide the data, therefore 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.

Should you wish to refine and resubmit your request in line with the advice above please respond to freedomofinformation@gmp.police.uk.