GREATER MANCHESTER POLICE

Tuesday, 22 September 2026
Our ref: 01/FOI/26/017674/F

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/017674/F

I write in connection with your request for information dated 17/09/2026, I note you seek access to the following information:

I understand that providing the historic 2025 figure for the subset of Registered Sex Offenders whose index offence involved a child victim cannot be provided within the Section 12 cost limit. I am therefore happy for that element of the request to be omitted.
*Please therefore proceed with providing the following information for the **City of Manchester local authority area**:*

1. ***Registered Sex Offenders – 2025***
   *The total number of Registered Sex Offenders recorded as residing within the City of Manchester as at **31 December 2025**, or the nearest available date.*
2. ***Registered Sex Offenders – Current Position***
   The total number of Registered Sex Offenders currently recorded as residing within the City of Manchester, as at the date the request is processed.
3. ***Registered Sex Offenders – Child Victim Index Offences***
   *Of the current Registered Sex Offender population within the City of Manchester, the number whose index offence(s) involved a **child victim under the age of 18**.*
4. ***Recorded Sexual Offences Against Children – 2025***
   *The total number of recorded sexual offences during the calendar year **1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025** within the City of Manchester where the recorded victim was aged **0–17 inclusive**.*

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 the information you have requested is held by Greater Manchester Police.

However, GMP does not hold the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format. Our system does not feature automated tools to extract Part 3 data. Consequently, retrieving the requested information will require a manual review of our records to determine if their offence relates to a child victim under the age of 18. From initial searches carried out a total of 727 records would need to be manually reviewed. As such, it is anticipated it would take in excess of 18hours to provide the requested information.

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.

Although excess costs remove GMP's obligations under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, as a gesture of goodwill (see below information), I have supplied information, relative to your request, that was retrieved / available before it was realised that the fees limit would be exceed. I trust this is helpful, but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fees regulations for the remainder of your request.

Caveat: The data provided is as at 17/09/2026.

1. 2025 – 733
2. Current – 727
4. Sexual Offences in 2025 where victims age is 0-17 within City of Manchester District – 740

In accordance with Section 16(1), the duty to provide advice and assistance, of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Greater Manchester Police will be unable to provide advice for you to reduce Part 3 of the request in order for the force to keep this within the fees limit as the only method to collate the data is reviewing the record individually.