GREATER MANCHESTER POLICE

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Our ref: 01/FOI/26/017695/K

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/017695/K

I write in connection with your request for information dated 21/09/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.On or around 20 September 2026 (approximately 14:45), two men were arrested on Newton Street in Manchester's Northern Quarter on suspicion of terrorism offences under Section 41 of the Terrorism Act 2000. The operation was reported as led by Counter Terrorism Policing London working with Counter Terrorism Policing North West and Greater Manchester Police. Public statements indicated the men remained in custody and that there was no information to suggest a wider threat to the public at that time. Related searches were later reported in Salford and Liverpool. Please provide the following recorded information (to the extent it is held and not exempt):

1. *Confirmation of the number of individuals arrested in connection with this operation on Newton Street on 20 September 2026 under Section 41 of the Terrorism Act 2000.*
2. *The date(s) on which any of the individuals were released from custody, charged with any offence, or had any other disposal applied (if recorded and disclosable).*
3. *Any public statements or press releases issued by Greater Manchester Police (or jointly) about this specific operation beyond the initial information already in the public domain.*
4. *Whether any further related searches or activity took place in Salford, Liverpool, or elsewhere in connection with these arrests (high-level confirmation only, without operational detail).*
5. *Any high-level, non-personal information that can be disclosed about the general category or type of terrorism offence(s) the individuals were arrested on suspicion of (for example, preparation of terrorist acts, or other specified offences under the Terrorism Act), without revealing operational methods, evidence, or identities.*
6. *Any high-level information that can be disclosed about whether any particular location, event, community, or type of target was under consideration in the investigation, again without operational or personal detail.*

7. *Any high-level information that can be disclosed about the general nature of the intelligence or reasons leading to the arrests, if any such summary exists in a disclosable form.*

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police to locate information relevant to your request.

Please redirect your request to the Metropolitan Police Service as this operation was run by CTP London.

In relation to Part 3 - All statements about the investigation were issued by the Met Police.

The only information GMP shared publicly was in relation to a scene in Salford – this was posted on GMP Salford Facebook channel (21 September 2026 at 13:37) and the content is below:

#INCIDENT | Our officers are currently supporting colleagues from Counter Terrorism Policing London with a search at a property on Lancaster Road, Salford. This is in connection with the arrests made on Newton Street, Manchester yesterday.
There will be an increased police presence in the area, and a scene remains in place on Lancaster Road whilst searches are ongoing, but there is not believed to be any wider risk to the public.
Thank you for your patience whilst we support this investigation.