GREATER MANCHESTER POLICE

Thursday, 08 October 2026

Our ref: 01/FOI/26/017699/O

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/017699/O

I write in connection with your request for information dated 22/09/2026, I note you seek access to the following information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I request the following information relating to stop and search encounters carried out by Greater Manchester Police.

For each calendar year from 2015 to 2025, or the most recent period for which data are available, please provide the number of stop and search encounters and, where available, the percentage that each category represents of all stop and search encounters in that calendar year, broken down by:

- *sex*
- *age group*
- *ethnic group*
- *reason/legal power for search (e.g. Section 1 PACE 1984, Section 23 Misuse of Drugs Act 1971, Section 60 Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994, or other power used)*
- *outcome of the search.*

Please provide outcome categories as recorded within the stop and search dataset and, where possible, map them to the categories listed below:

- *no further action*
- *arrest*
- *summons/charged by post*
- *penalty notice for disorder*
- *caution*
- *community resolution*

- *other final-outcome categories recorded within the data.*

Please include any categories recorded as unknown, not stated, other, or missing, where applicable.

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 that the information requested is held by GMP, however, I am not required to supply it because an exemption applies.

The exemption applicable to the information is Section 21 - Information reasonably accessible by other means. This is because the information is already freely available at:

https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/stop-and-search-arrests-and-mental-health-detentions-march-2026

Home Office publishes the stop and search data regularly and the data is dated back to 2007.