Thursday, 08 October 2026

Our ref: 01/FOI/26/017706/W

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/017706/W

I write in connection with your request for information dated 23/09/2026, I note you seek access to the following information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I request the following information relating to arrests made by Greater Manchester Police.

For each calendar year from 2015 to 2019, please provide the number of arrests and, where available, the percentage that each category represents of all arrests in that year, broken down by:

* *ethnic group*
* *sex*
* *age group*
* *reason/offence category for arrest.*

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

Where the data can be broken down by more than one of the above categories simultaneously (for example, sex and age group together), please provide it on that combined basis. If it is only possible to provide single-category breakdowns, please provide those instead.

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

Arrest data is published on this website and dated back to 2006/27.