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Our ref: FOI/26/017712/U

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/26/017712/U

I write in connection with your request for information dated 23/09/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I am writing to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act:

a) During the financial year 2025/2026, how many additional members of workforce were added to your force's neighbourhood policing teams to deliver on the Government's Neighbourhood Policing Guarantee using Neighbourhood Policing Grant money? Please split your response down by Police Officers (FTE increase), PCSOs (FTE increase) and Special Constables (Headcount increase).

b) For the financial year 2026/2027, how many additional members of workforce are planned to be added to your force's neighbourhood policing teams to deliver on the Government's Neighbourhood Policing Guarantee using Neighbourhood Policing Grant money? Please split your response down by Police Officers (FTE increase), PCSOs (FTE increase) and Special Constables (Headcount increase).

I understand that under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act, you are required to provide me with this information within 20 working days of receipt of this letter.

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police (GMP) to locate the requested information. I can confirm the information requested is held by GMP. However, I am not obliged to provide some of the information as an exemption applies.

When refusing to provide such information because an exemption applies, Section 17(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires GMP, to provide you - the applicant - with a notice which: (a) states that fact, (b) specifies the exemption in question and (c) states (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies.

The requested information is exempt under section 21 – *Information accessible to applicant by other means*. The information referred to is already available in the Public Domain. Please follow the link below.

Question a

Neighbourhood figures are officially published on the GOV.uk as part of the yearly Police Workforce Statistics and are available for 2025/26.

The Neighbourhood Policing Guarantee is based on a combined Officer and PCSO target, it does not include Specials.

[Police workforce, England and Wales: 31 March 2026 - GOV.UK](#)

[police-workforce-mar26-tables-220726.ods](#)

Question b

2026/27 is a combined 2 year target for Officers and PCSOs so incorporating year 1 growth and GMP's has been set at **277** growth by March 2027.

Please note, this figure is not broken down by Police Officers and PCSOs.