Information Access Unit
Information Management and Data Directorate

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/017723/X

I write in connection with your request for information dated 25/09/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

A years worth of data up to today please. The 25th September 2026.
This request is specific to Cheadle heath police station Greater Manchester. But appropriate comparison data for that area can be added.

How many arrests were made in response to accusations of stalking.

How many of the accused were jailed and for how long.

How many arrests were made in response to accusations of harrassment

How many of the accused were jailed and for how long.

What is your policy for considering repeated false accusations as malicious and or wasting police time.

What action do you take against the accuser for making repeated false claims of harrassment and stalking. And at what stage.

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police (GMP) to locate information relevant to your request. I can confirm that some of the information you have requested is held by GMP.

However, GMP does not hold the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format. To provide the data requested in relation to the Cheadle Heath area would involve a

manual search of all arrests made in the whole of Greater Manchester as the location of an arrest is not a searchable field on our arrests system.

A search of our arrests records shows that there are 6,618 records that would have to be manually reviewed. At a very conservative estimate of 5 minutes to locate, retrieve and review each file it would take approximately 550 hours to ascertain the data required. Therefore, to comply with the whole of your request the process would take over 18 hours' work which exceeds the appropriate limit of £450.00, the amount to which we are legally required to respond.

As per section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the cost of providing you with the information is therefore 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. If one part of the request engages a Section 12 response, the whole request will engage a Section 12 response. The reason being is locating, retrieving and extracting any further information would only add to the already exceeded time obligations and so no other searches have been completed at this stage.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, this letter acts as a Refusal Notice.

GMP is obligated, pursuant to section 16(1) of the Act to provide you with advice and assistance on refining your request to bring compliance within the fees limit. For the force to keep this within the fees limit, the information that you are requesting will need to be reduced to a greatly reduced time period. The resulting response cannot be guaranteed at this point as it will be dependent upon the number of records that fall within the scope of any new request, as they would still have to be manually assessed.

Please note that conviction and sentencing data is not held by GMP. Requests for this information should be sent to His Majesty's Courts and Tribunal Service.