Information Management & Data Directorate (IMDD)
Information Access Unit

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/26/017760/C

I write in connection with your request for information dated 30/09/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please provide the following information separately for each calendar year: 2023, 2024 and 2025, covering 1 January to 31 December inclusive.

Section 1: Closure orders

For closure orders granted by magistrates' courts under section 80 of the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014, following applications made by your force, please provide:

1. The total number of orders granted in each year.
2. Of those orders, the number relating to:
- Residential premises/dwellings.
- Non-residential premises.
- Premises whose type is unknown or not recorded.

Please count each initial section 80 order once, according to the date the court granted it. Include full and partial closure orders. Exclude closure notices, temporary orders under section 81, extensions under section 82, and unsuccessful applications.

I am requesting order counts rather than unique properties.

For the premises-type breakdown, please use existing recorded classifications. I don't require manual assessment of property type from narrative reports. If this breakdown can't be supplied on that basis, please provide the annual totals and explain that the premises-type breakdown is unavailable.

Please briefly identify the classifications treated as residential and flag any missing coverage or departures from these definitions, including whether your figures also include council-led orders.

Section 2: Premises-related recorded offences

Please provide the number of police-recorded offences in each year, separately for:

1. Production or being concerned in the production of cannabis - Home Office offence code 092/21.
2. Keeping a brothel used for prostitution - Home Office offence code 024/19.
3. Permitting premises to be used for unlawful purposes under section 8 of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971. Please provide separate counts for each relevant offence classification, including the codes and titles used.

Please use the date the crime was recorded, exclude crimes subsequently cancelled, and use the offence classification held at the time of extraction.

For each offence classification and year, please provide:

- The total recorded-offence count.
- A breakdown by the existing recorded location/premises-type field, where available, retaining your existing category labels and including unknown or not-recorded locations.

I don't require manual review of narrative reports or case files to establish location type. If no suitable structured field is available, please provide the annual offence totals and confirm that the location-type breakdown is unavailable.

I'm requesting recorded-offence counts, rather than arrests, convictions, raids, suspects or unique properties.

Please provide the extraction date and flag any known recording-system changes or coverage gaps affecting these figures.

Response format and scope

No addresses, postcodes, names or case-level personal information are required for either section.

Please distinguish zero counts from information that is not held, unavailable or withheld, and identify any suppressed figures clearly.

If the request would exceed the cost limit, please provide advice under section 16 on a narrower scope that would allow the requested figures to be supplied. The closure-order figures in Section 1 are my priority.

An Excel or CSV response would be appreciated, although tables in your response are also acceptable.

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.

Section 1: Closure orders

Caveats:

- 2023 data is from 01/04/2023 to 31/12/2023 only as this when the data started to be recorded centrally.
- The data is broken down to 'Police-led' and 'Partner-led' applications. 'Partner-led' will typically include local authority applications.
- We cannot provide a breakdown of the premises type for these records as this information is not recorded centrally and would require a manual review which would exceed the cost limit.

Closure order by year in GMP

2023		2024		2025	
Police	Partner	Police	Partner	Police	Partner
11	29	40	54	20	54
Total 38		**Total 94**		**Total 74**	

Section 2: Premises-related recorded offences

Caveats:

In July 2019, GMP implemented one of the largest IT infrastructure changes in UK policing. The systems are in continual development and the data provided for this request is what the systems currently hold.

- This data contains crimes with a created date between 01/01/2023 and 31/12/2025 where the HO 5-digit code is ('093/10', '093/11', '093/12', '093/13', '093/14', '093/15', '093/19', '093/20', '093/23', '093/25', '093/26', '093/27', '093/28', '093/29', '093/79', '093/83', '093/84', '093/90', '093/95', '092/21', '024/19'), excluding cancelled crimes and crimes classified as non-counting fraud. Further information about cancelled crimes can be obtained from the Home Office Counting Rules. Details regarding fraud crime can be obtained by contacting the NFIB.
- We are unable to determine the location of each of the offences without a manual review of the location fields. To conduct the manual review would exceed the cost limit.

Offence	2023	2024	2025	Total
092/21 - Production of a cannabis plant	492	463	369	**1324**
024/19 - Keeping a brothel used for prostitution	1	0	3	**4**
093/10 - Permitting premises to be used for unlawful purposes - Cocaine	1	1	0	**2**
Total	**494**	**464**	**372**	**1330**