Thursday, 15 October 2026
Our ref: 01/FOI/26/017762/E

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/017762/E

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

Please detail the number of digital devices (e.g. mobile phones, computers, storage devices) awaiting forensic examination by your force as of 30th September 2026, including how many of these devices have been waiting more than 6 months and more than 12 months.

Please also provide data from the previous year as of 30th September 2025, if held.

E.g.

30th September 2026
* *1,350 devices awaiting examination*
* *420 devices waiting over 6 months*
* *160 devices waiting over 12 months*

30th September 2025
* *1,120 devices waiting examination*
* *310 devices waiting over 6 months*
* *95 devices waiting over 12 months*

Please advise how to refine my request if any of this isn't possible.

Result of Searches

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

Caveat – the data is at 15/10/2026 and subject to change.

30th September 2026

- 2,124 devices awaiting examination
- 372 devices waiting over 6 months
- 45 devices waiting over 12 months

30th September 2025

- 1,039 devices waiting examination
- 80 devices waiting over 6 months
- 6 devices waiting over 12 months