GREATER MANCHESTER POLICE

Monday, 12 October 2026

Our ref: 01/FOI/26/017770/E

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/017770/E

I write in connection with your request for information dated 21/07/2026, I note you seek access to the following information:

1. *The number of arrests made by your force for drink-driving offences in December of each year from 2021 to 2025 (1 to 31 December in each year).*

2. *The number of arrests made by your force for drug driving offences in December of each year from 2021 to 2025 (1 to 31 December in each year).*

For the purposes of this request:

- *"Drink driving offences" means offences under the Road Traffic Act 1988 relating to alcohol, including driving or being in charge of a vehicle over the prescribed limit or while unfit through drink, and failing to provide a specimen.*
- *"Drug driving offences" means offences under the Road Traffic Act 1988 relating to drugs, including driving or being in charge of a vehicle over a specified drug limit or while unfit through drugs, and failing to provide a specimen or cooperate with a preliminary drug test.*

Please count each arrest once per question. If an arrest involved both drink and drug driving offences, please include it in a separate figure per year.

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:

Letter:
https://www.gmp.police.uk/SysSiteAssets/foi-media/greater-manchester/disclosure-2026/august/foi-26.017172.o-drink--drug-driving-offences-2001-2005.pdf

Data:
https://view.officeapps.live.com/op/view.aspx?src=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.gmp.police.uk%2FSysSiteAssets%2Ffoi-media%2Fgreater-manchester%2Fdisclosure-2026%2Faugust%2F01foi26017172o.xlsx&wdOrigin=BROWSELINK