Tuesday, 20 October 2026

Our ref: 01/FOI/26/017808/B

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/017808/B

I write in connection with your request for information dated 07/10/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I am writing under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request information concerning personal injuries reported by police officers, staff, and PCSOs, as well as the personal injury claims and compensation associated with these incidents.
Please provide the following information for the financial years 2023/24, 2024/25 and 2025/26:

1. *The total number of personal injuries recorded/reported by police officers, police staff, and PCSOs during duty.*
2. *A breakdown of these injuries by category/type (e.g., physical assault, slips/trips/falls, vehicle incidents, training injuries, manual handling, mental health/stress-related injuries)*
3. *A breakdown of the primary cause or nature of the injuries (e.g., assault, equipment failure, unsafe working environment, vehicle collisions).*
4. *The total number of personal injury claims submitted against the force by police officers, staff, or former personnel, and the total amount paid out in compensation for personal injury claims in each financial year.*

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.

Part 1 – Due to the nature of the reporting system and how data is captured and recorded we have broken this down into accidents and assaults.

2023-2024 - 688 Accidents, 1055 Assaults

2024-2025 - 780 Accidents, 1037 Assaults

2025-2026 - 767 Accidents, 1128 Assaults

Parts 2 & 3 – Due to the nature of our reporting system and how we record and capture data we have answered question 2 and 3 combined.

Assaults

Assaults 2023/24	
Struggle	512
Kick	176
Punch	134
Spat at	66
Bite (human)	63
Headbutt	40
Vehicle	32
Object thrown	22
Bottle/glass	4
Weapon	3
Bite (animal)	1
Bludgeon	1
Knee	1

Assaults 2024/2025	
Struggle	521
Kick	156
Punch	115
Spat at	77
Bite (Person)	62
Vehicle	40
Headbutt	35
Object Thrown	18
Bottle/Glass	4
Hit by Missile	2
Bite (Animal)	2
Kneed	2
Weapon (Knife)	1
Bludgeon	1
Weapon (Other)	1

Assaults 2025/2026	
Struggle	339
Kick	241
Punch	150
Spat at	89
Bite - Person	72
Pushed	41
Scratched	37
Headbutt	35
Vehicle	19
Dragged	19
Object Thrown	18
Slapped	11
Kneed	10
Struck by Object	10
Unknown	7
Struck by Moving Vehicle	7
Verbal	6
Weapon - Other	5
Bottle/Glass	4
Hit by Missile	4
Bite - Animal	3
Weapon - Knife	1

Accident

Accident 2023/24	
Training	207
Slip, trip, fall	103
lifting & handling	82
Furniture/fittings	64
Chasing	55
injured by an animal	42
Forcing Entry	38
Equipment (GMP)	16
Struk against	16
Substance	15
Climbing	12
Asbestos	8
Fall	7
Searching	7
Equipment (none GMP)	5
Fire	5
needle stick	3
Electricity	2
rescue	1

Accident 2024/2025	
Training (PST)	221
Slip, Trip, Fall	132
Lifting & Handling	83
Furniture & Fittings	65
Injured by an Animal	52
Chasing	40
Forcing Entry	32
Training (Public Order)	20
Equipment (GMP Provided)	19
Hazardous Substances	18
Climbing	13
Struck Against	12
Assault (Physical)	11
Fall From Height	10
Struck By Moving Vehicle	9
Training (Firearms)	7
Equipment (Non-GMP)	5
Searching (Other)	5
Training (General)	4
RTC	4
Searching (A Person)	3
Struck By Object	3
Training (Dogs)	2
Training (Mounted)	2
Asbestos	2
Training (Driver)	2
Fire	1
Psychological	1
Electricity	1
Explosion	1

Accident 2025/2026	
Training - PPST / PST	177
Slip, Trip, Fall	112
Chasing	62
Lifting & Handling	64
Injured by Animal/Insect	50
Furniture & Fittings	42
Equipment - GMP Provided	33
Assault - Physical	26
Forcing Entry	27
Sharp Object	15
Struck Against Fixed Object	13
Struck by Object	16
Climbing	12
Training - Other	12
Hazardous Substance	11
Searching - Premises	9
Searching - A Person	10
Training - Firearms	8
Exposure to PAVA	6
Training - Public Order	7
Equipment - Non GMP	7
Fall from Height	6
Searching - Other	6
Trapped	4
Training - Dogs	3
Training - MOE/PRT	3
Training - Taser	4
Struck by Moving Vehicle	3
Vehicle Pursuit	2
RTC	1
Fire	1
Contact with Electricity	1
Training - Mounted	1
Impaled	1
Needlestick Injury	1
Searching - Outdoors	1
Training - General	1
Rescue	1

Part 4 - Please note that there is no direct link between the claims received in a financial year and damages paid as many claims will take several years to be resolved.

Year	Claims received
2023/24	18
2024/25	30
2025/26	42

Year	Damages Paid
2023/24	£283,180.65
2024/25	£121,316.08
2025/26	£465,786.53