GREATER MANCHESTER POLICE

Wednesday, 14 October 2026
Our ref: 01/FOI/26/017840/B

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/017840/B

I write in connection with your request for information dated 12/10/2026, I note you seek access to the following information:

1. *How many requests to GMP to have a person's records deleted been made in the past 12 months, 5 years and 10 years?*
2. *How many personal records have actually been deleted in the past 12 months, 5 years and 10 years following a request to do so?*

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.

However, GMP does not hold the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format. Our system does not feature automated tools to extract 10-year part. Consequently, retrieving the requested information will require a manual review of our relevant records for the last 10 years. As such, it is anticipated it would take in excess of 18hours to provide the requested information.

Therefore, as per section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the cost of providing you with the information is 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.

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

Although excess costs remove GMP's obligations under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, as a gesture of goodwill (see below information), I have supplied information relative to your

request. I trust this is helpful, but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fees regulations for the remainder of your request.

1.
   - 12 months – 198 deletion requests received in the last 12 months.
   - 5 years – 613 deletion requests received in the last 5 years.

2.
   - 12 months – 49 deletion requests were actioned.
   - 5 years – 137 deletion requests were actioned.

In accordance with Section 16(1), the duty to provide advice and assistance, of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Greater Manchester Police will be unable to provide advice for you to reduce 10-year part of the request in order for the force to keep this within the fees limit as the only method to collate the data is reviewing the record individually.