Information Access Unit
Information Management and Data Directorate

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/018070/N

I write in connection with your request for information dated 10/11/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

In the month before the repeal of the Vagrancy Act 1824 (28 May 2026 - 29 June 2026), how many times was the legislation used by your force? How many times did this lead to an arrest?

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police (GMP) to locate information relevant to your request. I can confirm that some of the information you have requested is held by GMP. GMP do not keep a record of how many times legislation is "used". We do record how many crimes have been recorded. If such information would be of use to you, please make a separate request for this information.

Information relating to arrests is held. It is subject to the following **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. Any data provided for this request is subject to change as crimes are progressed and/or updated.

There were 11 arrests under the Vagrancy Act in the year prior to 29/06/2026. All arrests were for Begging in a Public Place.