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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/016768/G

I write in connection with your request for information dated 24/04/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please provide the following information relating to the Oldham Metropolitan Borough area:

1. Section 60 Authorisations

The total number of Section 60 Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994 authorisations issued in Oldham borough for each calendar year from 2015 to 2025 (inclusive), and up to the most recent available date in 2026.

For each authorisation, please include where available:

Date of authorisation

Duration of authorisation

Geographic area covered (ward or locality) Stated reason for authorisation (e.g. serious violence, knife crime, disorder)

2. Stop and Search under Section 60

For the same period (2019-2026), please provide:

Total number of stop and searches conducted under Section 60 powers in Oldham borough, broken down by year

Where recorded, the outcome of those searches (e.g. arrest, no further action, seizure)

If any part of this request exceeds the appropriate cost limit, please prioritise providing annual totals for Section 60 authorisations in Oldham borough.

I would prefer the information in an electronic format such as Excel or CSV where possible.

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 the information you have requested is held by GMP. However, I am not obliged to supply you with the information as an exemption applies.

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires Greater Manchester Police, when refusing to provide such information (because this information is exempt) to provide you, the applicant, with a notice which: (a) states that fact, (b) specifies the exemption in question and (c) states (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies. The full date of the S60 authorisations and the information in the authorisation rationale column that is redacted is exempt from disclosure by virtue of **Section 40(2) – Personal Information** and **Section 41(1) – Information Provided in Confidence**.

Section 40(2) represents information that identifies a living individual, to disclose this information would breach the principles of the Data Protection Act 2018. Personal data is defined by Section 1 of the Data Protection Act 2018 and means data that relates to an individual who can be identified directly or indirectly from that data. Section 40 is an absolute exemption and there is no requirement to conduct a public interest test for such data.

Section 41 in this instance refers to intelligence that has been provided to GMP from members of the public and partner agencies. Section 41 is an absolute exemption and there is no requirement to consider the public interest. We are satisfied that all criteria can be met in line with the Information Commissioner's guidance. This information is exempt as it was provided to GMP in confidence and the disclosure of the requested information to the public would constitute a breach of confidence actionable the people who provided us with that intelligence.

Date	Salford	S60 length (in hours)	S60 AA Included?	(Free Text) Rationale for S60 Authorisation	Total # searches	Total Arrests	Total # Positive Outcomes	Total % Positive Outcomes
07/25	Oldham	24	No	[REDACTED] is a report of two SUVs chasing each other [REDACTED] in Oldham, at which point one vehicle collides	90	8	12	13%

				with a tree, and males with machete that were chasing the vehicle try to attack the driver.				
08/25	Oldham	12	No	Reports indicate that approximately 20–25 males were involved in a large-scale disturbance. Witnesses described individuals armed with machete-type knives, bricks, and other large weapons, actively engaging in violent behaviour and obstructing the roadway.	72	0		
09/25	Oldham	24	No	This relates to informant reporting that he has seen a male with a machete, swinging it in the air. Information suggests this is linked to a domestic incident. I believe further incidents of violent disorder will occur tonight. It is highly likely that further disorder involving weapons may occur this evening. There has been significant distress and concern caused to members of the	64	1	2	3%

				public during these incidents.				
12/25	Oldham	12	Yes	100 Youths, manly balaclava'd, fighting outside a Primary School	184	4	32	17%
05/20 22	Oldham	10	No	Long-running disputes between rival groups, weapons often invovled	2	1	1	50%
05/20 22	Oldham	3	No	Several incidents of Weapon-Equipped Violent Disorder	4	0	0	0%
05/20 22	Oldham	15	No	Several incidents of Weapon-Equipped Violent Disorder	15	0	0	0%
07/20 22	Oldham	11	No	Reports of 3 connected 'Vigilate' attacks	0	0	0	#DIV/0!
10/20 22	Oldham	5	No	Resulting from several incidents of weapon-	21	0	0	0%

				equipped Students fighting				
05/20 23	Oldham	24	No	Reports of Males in BalACLavas, using weapons (and vehicles AS weapons)	35	0	0	0%
06/20 23	Oldham	8Hrs 13mins	No	8 Reports of Males with Machetes, one of male in vehicle in possession of knuckle duster & drugs	77	1	5	6%
06/20 23	Oldham	9hrs 30mins	No	8 Reports of Males with Machetes, one of male in vehicle in possession of knuckle duster & drugs				#DIV/0!
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06/20 23	Oldham	24 hours	No	ONE incident	12	0	0	0%
05/20 23	Oldham	24 Hours	No	Several incidents of males trying to force entry to premises and reports of F/I	20	0	1	5%
07/20 23	Oldham	24	No	Gang based Violence in area, several machete attacks	59	4	6	10%
11/20 23	Oldham	4	No	Large scale disorder from College students	16	1	1	6%
12/20 23	Oldham	24	Yes	Followup instances of Violence of College Attendees	74	1	3	4%

01/24	Oldham	8	No	The district has received five reports of incidents involving weapons, including three Aggravated Burglaries within a short period of time. The officers attending these incidents were met with males fleeing in possession of Machete's and weapons were left in situ at other scenes. Due to the number of reports of violence, threats and possession of weapons and the dynamic nature of the incidents a Section 60 was authorised, for the entire north district for a limited time only. It was not known whether the incidents were linked or targeted initially and some of the incidents were at least two miles apart. Due to the diaspora of the incidents and the likelihood of further disturbances over a wider area, a larger than normal search area has been authorised.	4	0	0	0%
01/24	Oldham	24	Yes	■■■■■ is	24	0	2	8%

01/24	Oldham	24	Yes	reported by a member of the public stating that 20 youths are present [REDACTED] with knives. The knives are believed to be 6 inches in length. Further information on the report suggests that they have balaclavas and there is then a further mention of a machete. The caller also reports seeing another large group of males walking in a large crowd towards the location. The informant also reports the weapon being waved about in the efforts to injure another person. [REDACTED] reports a disturbance [REDACTED] where items of stock are thrown before a knife inside a sheath is brandished. At [REDACTED] reports youths in balaclavas with machete are chasing a male over the bridge near to [REDACTED]. At [REDACTED] also reports males with			8%
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knives and a machete. There were six different informants in total which were recorded on over the above four logs regarding males with balaclavas, knives, and machetes. At

[REDACTED] has detained one person believed to be involved in the incident. The male was in possession of a black balaclava consistent with the reports made by the public. At

[REDACTED] has received contact from [REDACTED]. Information has been received to state that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] had witnessed two males ride past [REDACTED] on pedal bikes and wearing balaclavas. [REDACTED] was concerned as earlier [REDACTED] had approached [REDACTED] explaining tensions were

				running high again between [REDACTED] [REDACTED] also stated that [REDACTED], and this [REDACTED] was believed to be involved in the dispute. She went onto explain that [REDACTED] had been assaulted at [REDACTED]				
02/24	Oldham	24	Yes	[REDACTED] refers to the stabbing of a youth on [REDACTED] by three youths who had alighted from a vehicle. The injured party sustained injuries consistent with a section 18 assault [REDACTED] [REDACTED] refers to the attack of another youth on [REDACTED] occurring between [REDACTED] This youth suffered a [REDACTED] after being [REDACTED]	11	0	0	0%

				assaulted by males alighting a vehicle with potentially a golf club. [REDACTED] refers to a male on [REDACTED] being found with [REDACTED]. Although it transpired that the offence had occurred on the G division, it was highly likely linked to ongoing issues on the Q division. Intelligence [REDACTED]				
03/24	Oldham	8	Yes	There are presently heightened tensions between [REDACTED]	50	2	3	6%

02/26	Oldham	24	No	altercation with a group of males. Male injured with bat or machete type weapon. Injured male described as having heavy bleeding to legs.	146	3	29	20%
06/24	Oldham	12	No	Several incidents of Males with bladed articles	8	0	0	0%
08/24	Oldham	9 1/2	Yes	In authorising a S60 Public Order Act 1994, non-suspicion, search power, for the Wigan and Leigh District geographic area, I have considered multiple items of open-source information and reports from Local Authorities, other partners, and members of the public, indicating that planned protests and disorder will take place today, at any point from mid-afternoon. With intelligence relating to movement of groups across district areas, this authority provides a necessary proactive, policing power, to attempt to mitigate the threat that widespread disorder presents to the district.	1	0	0	0%
06/24	Oldham	8	No		0	0	0	

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