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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/017459/A

I write in connection with your request for information dated 14/08/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I am making this request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I request information relating to persons detained in the custody suite at Pendleton Police Station/Custody Suite during the period 00:01 on 16 March 2026 to 23:59 on 17 March 2026.

I am requesting aggregated and anonymised information only. I am not requesting any names, addresses, custody reference numbers, dates of birth, offences, or other information capable of identifying individual detainees.

Please provide the following information, insofar as it is held in recorded form within GMP's custody management systems or existing reports:

1. Custody admissions

For 16 March 2026:

- * *The total number of persons booked into custody at Pendleton.*
- * *The total number of persons arrested and detained at Pendleton.*
- * *The number of persons whose detention commenced on 16 March 2026.*

2. Outcomes

For persons whose detention commenced at Pendleton on 16 March 2026, please provide the number whose eventual outcome was:

- * **Charged;**
- * **Released on police bail;**
- * **Released under investigation;**
- * **Released without charge / no further action;**
- * **Transferred to another custody suite or other authority;**
- * **Any other recorded outcome.**

3. Length of detention

For persons whose detention commenced at Pendleton on 16 March 2026 and who were subsequently released or transferred, please provide, if this information is held in a readily retrievable or existing statistical format:

- * **The average length of detention;**
- * **The shortest recorded period of detention;**
- * **The longest recorded period of detention;**
- * **The number detained for less than 4 hours;**
- * **The number detained for 4-8 hours;**
- * **The number detained for 8-12 hours;**
- * **The number detained for 12-18 hours;**
- * **The number detained for 18-24 hours;**
- * **The number detained for more than 24 hours.**

4. Overnight detention

Please provide, if recorded:

- * **The number of detainees remaining in custody at Pendleton at 00:00 on 17 March 2026;**
- * **The number remaining in custody at 06:00 on 17 March 2026;**
- * **The number remaining in custody at 09:00 on 17 March 2026;**
- * **The number remaining in custody at 12:00 on 17 March 2026.**
- * **The number remaining in custody at 14:00 on 17 March 2026.**

5. Detention exceeding specified periods

Please provide the number of persons whose detention at Pendleton during this period exceeded:

- * **12 hours;**
- * **16 hours;**
- * **18 hours;**
- * **20 hours;**
- * **24 hours.**

6. Nature/category of alleged offences

For persons arrested and detained at Pendleton Custody Suite during 16 March 2026, please provide the number of arrests falling within each recorded offence category.

Where GMP's custody or crime recording systems use a standard offence classification, please use that classification.

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 the information requested is held by GMP.

However, I am not obliged to supply all 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.

Due to the data relating to one day for a specific custody suite, **question 6** is exempted from disclosure under **Section 40(2) Personal Information** –Some information you have requested constitutes personal data of an identifiable living individual/s, and to disclose this information would breach the principles of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and 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 with no requirement to complete a public interest test.

Please note - Due to low outcomes across 2 days from one location, some data has been replaced with X as by providing all this information split by individual outcome as you have requested would significantly increase the likelihood of identifying the individual(s) concerned, and as such the exemption under S40(2) – Personal Information, would be engaged and result in information being refused. By replacing the data this way, it can be provided in its entirety.

1. The response to all points in this question is **25**.
2. Please see below.
 - * Charged;
 - * Released on police bail; **13**
 - * Released under investigation;
 - * Released without charge / no further action; **X**
 - * Transferred to another custody suite or other authority; **7**
 - * Any other recorded outcome. Charged and Bailed - **X**
3. This data set is only held per monthly figures; therefore the data can only be supplied for the full month of March 2026.
 - * The average length of detention; **15 hours 6 minutes**
 - * The shortest recorded period of detention; **Not held in a recorded form**
 - * The longest recorded period of detention; **Not held in a recorded form**
 - * The number detained for less than 4 hours; **110**
 - * The number detained for 4-8 hours; **133**
 - * The number detained for 8-12 hours; **36**
 - * The number detained for 12-18 hours; **98**
 - * The number detained for 18-24 hours; **147**
 - * The number detained for more than 24 hours. **144**
4. The data set is only held in hourly intervals, therefore the data supplied for this question is from 00:01 on 17th until 23:59 on the 17th. –
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 - * 12 hours; **489**
 - * 16 hours; **422**
 - * 18 hours; **356**
 - * 20 hours; **239**
 - * 24 hours. **144**
6. See exemption above.