

Thursday, 10 September 2026

Our ref: 01/FOI/26/017496/F

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/017496/F

I write in connection with your request for information dated 21/08/2026, I note you seek access to the following information:

I appreciate that ViSOR is a live system and cannot be backdated. I am therefore not asking for a historic date. Please run the report on the date you process this request and simply state that date in your response.

1. *On the date this request is processed, how many registered sex offenders was your force responsible for? Please state the date on which the report was run.*
2. *Of the offenders at Question 1, how many are currently recorded as wanted, circulated as missing, or otherwise of unknown whereabouts?
(For clarity, I am asking about any offender your force cannot currently locate, however that status is described on your systems. Some forces record these individuals as "wanted" on the basis that they have breached their notification requirements, rather than as "missing". Either classification, or both combined, is what I am seeking.)*
3. *Of the offenders at Question 2, how many have been of unknown whereabouts for more than 12 months? Please also state the longest single period for which any individual offender has been outstanding.*
4. *Of the offenders at Question 2, how many are assessed as being managed at MAPPA (i) Level 1, (ii) Level 2 and (iii) Level 3?*
5. *Of the offenders at Question 2, how many are believed to have left the United Kingdom?*

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 Part 3 and partial Part 4 information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format. I have provided information for other parts in the below paragraphs.

Our system does not feature automated tools to extract Parts 3 and 4 (on level breakdown) data. Consequently, retrieving the requested information will require a manual review of our records. From initial searches carried out a total of 192 records would need to be manually reviewed. As such, it is anticipated it would take in excess of 18 hours 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, that was retrieved / available before it was realised that the fees limit would be exceeded. 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. Total RSO - 6049
2. Wanted /Missing - 96
4. MAPPA - 96
5. Outside of UK - 406

GMP is obligated, pursuant to section 16(1) of the Act to provide you with advice and assistance on refining the remaining data of your request to bring compliance within the fees limit. In order for the force to keep this within the fees limit, you should choose one of the two parts. The resulting response cannot be guaranteed at this point as it will be dependent upon the number of records that fall within the scope of any new request, as they would still have to be manually assessed.

Should you wish to refine and resubmit your request in line with the advice above please respond to freedomofinformation@gmp.police.uk.