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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/017523/R

I write in connection with your request for information dated 25/08/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

For each calendar year 2023, 2024, 2025 and 2026 to the date of this email (25th August), please provide:

- 1. The number of warnings issued under Section 59 of the Police Reform Act 2002.***
- 2. The number of vehicles seized under Section 59 of the Police Reform Act 2002.***
- 3. For the 10 most recent vehicles seized under Section 59, please provide:***
 - A. date of seizure;***
 - B. make and model of vehicle;***
 - C. a brief description of the circumstances/reason for the seizure, as recorded.***

If providing a brief description would require the creation of new information, please instead provide the non-personal information already recorded concerning the circumstances/reason for each seizure.

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.

The model of car and the exact date of each seizure 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

Question 1.

- Please note that we are only able to provide information relating to records held between 1 January 2026 and 14 September 2026.
- Information is obtained from the Police National Computer (PNC), which only displays records that are currently active.
- For this reason, we are unable to provide figures for each calendar year requested and can only provide information that remains available on PNC for the period 1 January 2026 to 14 September 2026.

There are 447 S.59s on PNC from the beginning of January 2026 – 14th September 2026.

Question 2.

Please note we can only obtain data from 06/04/23 as we did not have our Vehicle Recovery System in place until this date. – Any data held before this date would exceed the time limits under the FOIA to obtain.

Date Range	No of Vehicles Seized Section 59 Police Reform Act 2002
06/04/2023 - 31/12/23	93
01/01/2024 - 31/12/24	139
01/01/2025 - 31/23/25	169
01/01/2026 - 25/08/26	186

Question 3.

DATE	MAKE	ACTUAL REASON
All from August 2026	AUDI	ANTI SOCIAL (S59)
	BMW	ANTI SOCIAL (S59)
	BMW	ANTI SOCIAL (S59)
	SEAT	ANTI SOCIAL (S59)
	VOLKSWAGEN	ANTI SOCIAL (S59)
	PIAGGIO	ANTI SOCIAL (S59)
	BMW	ANTI SOCIAL (S59)
	VOLKSWAGEN	ANTI SOCIAL (S59)
	BMW	ANTI SOCIAL (S59)
	KTM	ANTI SOCIAL (S59)