

Monday, 14 September 2026

Our ref: 01/FOI/26/017598/K

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/017598/K

I write in connection with your request for information dated 05/09/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I am grateful for your response of 2 September 2026 under reference 01/FOI/26/017399/F. This is a short further request arising from it, and I ask only for recorded information.

Your response gave, for financial years 2023-24 and 2024-25, the number of warrants issued and the number executed. I would like to understand the composition of those warrants.

I understand that forces grade warrants received from the courts into three categories in accordance with Home Office guidelines, the grade being allocated on receipt by the PNC warrants function. The scheme is published in the West Yorkshire Police Processing of Warrants force policy and is as follows.

Grade A covers Crown Court failure to appear, prolific and priority offender and persistent young offender failure to appear, failure to appear for robbery and domestic abuse, and MAPPA breach warrants.

Grade B covers failure to appear for all notifiable offences, failure to appear for driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, and all other youth warrants.

Grade C covers all other warrants.

- 1. The number of warrants received by Greater Manchester Police in each of the financial years 2023-24 and 2024-25, broken down by grade A, B and C.*
- 2. If the force does not grade warrants on that basis, any equivalent recorded categorisation of warrants received, together with its definitions.*
- 3. Please also clarify the figures already supplied. Your response gave 110 issued and 3,887 executed for 2023-24, and 163 issued and 3,278 executed for 2024-25. I would be grateful if you would confirm what population each column counts, since the two do not appear to be measures of the same set of warrants.*

I do not ask the force to examine individual warrants or to identify the offences behind them, which I appreciate would engage section 12. Item 1 asks only for a count by a recorded grade field.

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.

Caveats

- The search was conducted on the warrants database using the parameters:
 - Date Issued between 01/04/2023 and 31/03/2024 as well as 01/4/2024 and 31/03/2025
 - Date executed between 01/04/2023 and 31/03/2024 as well as 01/04/2024 and 31/03/2025
 - HO Category (A/B/C)
 - Issuing court
 - Issuing court further information
- There is a category D, which indicates as European Arrest Warrant on our database.
- Compared to last time, we have included all courts within the UK.
- With executed, it doesn't take consideration of warrants that have been withdrawn and arrests requests from other forces.
- The data provided for this request is subject to change as cases are progressed and/or updated.

Parts 1 & 2

HO Category	2023/24	2024/25
A	508	461
B	2171	2342
C	1216	1061
D	0	2
Total	3895	3866

Part 3

2023/24

- All April 2023 – March 2024 – These are all the warrants issued between 01/04/2023 to 31/03/2024. This has totalled to 3895.

- Outstanding from 2023-2024 – These are the outstanding warrant between 01/04/2023 to 31/03/2024. This has totalled to 125.
- Executed from 2023 – 2024 – These are the executed warrants which there issued during that financial year. This has totalled to 3770.

2024/25

- All April 2024 – March 2025 – These are for all the warrants issued between 01/04/2024 to 31/03/2025. This has totalled to 3866.
- Outstanding from 2024-2025 – There are the outstanding warrant between 01/04/2024 to 31/03/2024. This has totalled to 198.
- Executed from 2024 – 2025 – These are all the executed warrants which there issued during that financial year. This has totalled to 3668.