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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/26/017616/V

I write in connection with your request for information dated 08/09/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I am writing to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I am a journalist researching local emergency preparedness, with a particular focus on community resilience and the infrastructure available to support the public in the event of a major emergency such as a power outage, a heatwave or a flood.

I understand that your authority serves as the lead body for the Local Resilience Forum for this area and accordingly holds, or has access to, relevant emergency preparedness information. I have kept this request as narrow as possible to minimise the burden on your authority.

I request the following information about emergency shelters 1. The total number of official emergency shelters currently designated for public use 2. The total number of members of the public those shelters can accommodate 3. The types of emergency for which those shelters are designated (e.g. flooding, heat, power outage, other) 4. The types of buildings used (e.g. public buildings like libraries or schools, sports centres, or dedicated shelters). 5. Whether these buildings are publicly or privately owned and if the latter, then by whom. 6. How members of the public are informed of the location of emergency shelters (e.g. website, app, signage, media) 7. If any further shelters are planned and the timeline for opening

Where information is held centrally by the Local Resilience Forum secretariat rather than directly by your authority, I would be grateful if you could either include it in your response or advise me of the appropriate body to approach.

I am not requesting information that would identify specific security vulnerabilities or the precise locations of infrastructure that could present a security risk. If you consider any element of this request to fall within such an exemption, I would be grateful if you would respond to the remainder of the request and identify clearly which element has been withheld and under which exemption.

I would be grateful to receive the information in electronic format, ideally as a spreadsheet in csv or xls format rather than a pdf. If the cost limit under the Act is likely to be exceeded, please contact me before the response is due so that I can prioritise or narrow the request accordingly.

I look forward to your response within the statutory 20 working days. If you have any questions about the scope of this request, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police (GMP) to locate the requested information.

GMP is not the lead body for the Local Resilience Forum (LRF). We are a participant in the LRF and do not hold or maintain information for the whole Greater Manchester area. For the information requested please redirect your request to GMCA.