

Privacy Notice for Police Precept 2026/2027 (January 2026)

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1. Who we are

The Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) is made up of the ten Greater Manchester councils, the Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service, and the Mayor of Greater Manchester. We work with other local services, businesses, communities and other partners to improve the city-region.

2. Summary of the survey

Dear Greater Manchester residents and businesses

It is our priority to keep the people of Greater Manchester safe and we cannot do this without your help, as local taxpayers.

We all continue to face financial challenges with the cost of living and providing essential services, and the police are no different.

Police funding comes from an annual central government grant and what we can raise locally from the police precept part of council tax. In Greater Manchester, the government grant represents 74% of funding for Greater Manchester Police (GMP), and the police precept we set makes up 26%. Our police precept in Greater Manchester is one of the lowest in the country.

This year, the central government grant is due to increase by 2.6% from the previous year (to £666 million).

This is the second lowest increase of any police force in the country and compares to a national average increase of 3.2% and increases of 4% in London, 4.2% in Kent and 3.6% in Merseyside.

It also comes in the context of the serious and critical incidents and their associated costs here being higher than in most other areas of the country. The Metropolitan Police Service in London receives an additional Capital Cities Grant to help them meet their higher costs from this; in Greater Manchester we do not receive this.

We are currently in discussions with the Government calling for the national funding for our police service to be brought up to a fairer level.

It is our responsibility to maintain an effective, efficient police force for Greater Manchester. The service's frontline is growing to address significant growth in demand and increased complexity of crime. By March 2026 Greater Manchester Police will have at least 8,271 officers, including an additional 120 officers under the Government's neighbourhood policing guarantee. It has also made significant back-office efficiencies, making it lean and effective.

But to maintain the investment required for policing to protect the public, we need to increase the police precept by £11.66 per year (£0.97 a month) for a Band B property (80% of households in Greater Manchester are in Bands A-C). For a Band D property, the increase would be £15 per year (£1.25 a month).

Thanks to previous increases in our police precept, Greater Manchester Police has remained a well performing police force. In the past year, burglary has reduced by 21%, robbery by 16% and knife crime by 13%. There have also been clear reductions in serious violence, vehicle offences and serious and organised crime. We have kept our promises to:

- Reduce and prevent neighbourhood crimes, antisocial behaviour (ASB) and retail crime by investment in our prevention and neighbourhood policing teams. Neighbourhood crime has continued to fall significantly, by 15% since 2024/25. Retail crime has fallen by 8%.
- Increase trust and confidence. 65% of people were confident they could get help from GMP in an emergency compared to 61% in the previous year.
- Improve road and transport safety by continuing with Operation Vulcan in Piccadilly and Victoria and expanding this out to key hotspots. This year we have seen a 41% reduction in violent crime in the Operation Vulcan sites.
- In partnership with TfGM launch a major programme across the Bee Network to improve safety and people's feeling of safety, including the implementation of a dedicated Travel Safe Live Chat system.
- Divert more children and young people away from crime by investing in diversion and preventative services. In 2025, there was a 50% increase in diversionary activity and support services for children and young people who'd been arrested.
- Remain one of the best police forces in answering 999 and 101 calls. In 2025, 999 calls were answered in an average of 4 seconds compared to the national average of 8 seconds. For 101 the average was 1 minute and 5 seconds.
- Improve response times. GMP are now responding to 95% of emergencies in 15 minutes (91% last year) and 76% of non-emergencies within the hour (65% last year).

The precept money we raise really does make a difference. If we do not provide this funding through the police precept, then we will have to look at other ways to close the gap in funding and this could mean cuts to the service that you receive.

With the support of the precept this year, we will:

- Further reduce neighbourhood crimes and ASB by investing in neighbourhood police officers.
- Expand hot spot policing tactics in town centres and other key locations to help drive down theft from person, violent crime and retail crime.
- Increase safety and police visibility in Piccadilly Gardens including a new police hub.
- Expand Operation Vulcan to another three sites to shift stubborn crime issues in neighbourhoods and reduce violent crime.
- Increase our coverage of ANPR camera technology (as backed by the public during a recent consultation) by transferring usage of the Clean Air Zone Cameras to GMP for crime prevention and detection.
- Bring more sex offenders and domestic abuse perpetrators to justice.
- Deliver a new Hate Crime Standard to encourage more people to come forward and report.
- Retain our good performance for speed of answering 999 and 101 calls and for responding to emergency and non-emergency incidents.

Together and with your help, we aim to continue GMP's positive journey and deliver to you the most effective police service in the UK.

3. What information we will collect from you (the purpose and legal basis for processing information)

The survey will ask you for your name and email address. Then some questions about your thoughts on three main proposals for the Police Precept 2026/2027.

We will collect the following information in order to ensure we hear from a representative selection of Greater Manchester communities, and to ensure any policy decisions or interventions are based on the needs of different communities:

- The local authority area you live in
- Your age bracket
- Your ethnicity
- Your religion
- Your gender identity
- Whether you identify as trans/transgender
- Your sexuality
- Whether you have a disability
- How you heard about the survey
- Whether you are happy for us to publish your responses

We are asking for this as we want to make sure we hear from Greater Manchester's diverse communities, and also to ensure any policy decisions or interventions are based on the needs of different communities.

As the GMCA has legal responsibilities for the wellbeing of Greater Manchester residents, and a responsibility to treat them fairly and equally, the legal basis for undertaking this survey and using the survey data will be:

- Article 6 1(e) processing is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority vested in the controller

And for the more sensitive data:

- Article 9 2(g) processing is necessary for reasons of substantial public interest

4. How we ensure the security of your data

The GMCA is committed to providing the appropriate levels of security to the information we collect and we use reasonable measures to prevent unauthorised access to that information. We are required to demonstrate that our solutions meet the required levels of personal, procedural, policy, data and technical security. We will only process personal information for the purposes it has been collected or subsequently authorised.

This survey is hosted on software called Citizen Space, which is provided by Delib. The security measures, firewall, access control and administration privileges for the Delib service have been reviewed and accepted by the GMCA. We also have a contract in place with Delib, which states the services they must provide.

The data from this survey will not be transferred to any other third party for processing.

5. Information retention

The GMCA will keep your information for three years from the point at which the survey closes. We may keep your information in an anonymised format after this time for statistical purposes and in these cases, all personal information will be removed.

6. Transferring data

All data collected as part of this survey will remain in UK.

7. Data sharing

The information collected as part of this survey will only be used by the GMCA for the purposes explained above.

8. What rights do individuals have?

The GMCA must comply with the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018.

Under data protection law, your rights include:

- Your right of access - You have the right to ask us for copies of your personal information.
- Your right to rectification - You have the right to ask us to rectify information you think is inaccurate. You also have the right to ask us to complete information you think is incomplete.

- Your right to erasure - You have the right to ask us to erase your personal information in certain circumstances.
- Your right to restriction of processing - You have the right to ask us to restrict the processing of your information in certain circumstances.
- Your right to object to processing - You have the right to object to the processing of your personal data in certain circumstances.
- Your right to data portability - You have the right to ask that we transfer the information you gave us to another organisation, or to you, in certain circumstances.

You are not required to pay any charge for exercising your rights. If you make a request, we have one month to respond to you.

If you wish to make a request, please contact us at:

Email: officeofdpo@greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk

Post: Office of the DPO GMCA, Churchgate House, 56 Oxford Street, Manchester, M1 6EU

9. How can I make a complaint?

If you are not satisfied with how the GMCA is using the information we hold about you please contact our Data Protection Officer by emailing officeofdpo@greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk.

If you are still not satisfied with the GMCA's response to any request to exercise your individual rights or if you believe that the GMCA is not processing your personal data in accordance with the law, you can contact the Information Commissioners' Office:

Post: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, SK9 5AF

Telephone: 0303 123 1113