



Request

Please provide the following information:

1. The number of school engagement officers currently working across the borough.
2. The number of police officers with a similar role (primarily or centrally focused on schools), even if a different title, currently working across the borough.
3. The number of police officers with schools as a central focus of their role (e.g. Safer Schools Officers, School-based police officers, School engagement officers) working in the borough for the 2019/20 academic school year (prior to lockdown of March 2020).

Response

The information below has been provided by GMP

Points 1 and 2 – GMP have 2 dedicated School Engagement Officer (SEO) across the Wigan borough for secondary schools. Response and Neighbourhood officers will also have ad hoc involvement when responding to incidents or as part of their community engagement strategies, for example Operation Treacle which is about being safe and appropriate throughout Halloween and Bonfire night. However, it is only the SEO who have full time engagement roles.

Point 3 - SEO are relatively new and were not in post prior to 2019.