

REQUESTED INFORMATION FOR QUESTION 1

NUMBER OF CRIMES WHERE A FIREARM WAS USED

(A firearm is defined as 'used' if it is fired or used as a blunt instrument to cause injury to a person or as a threat)

AREA	YEAR	NUMBER OF RECORDED CRIMES
B & C Division	01 Apr 02 – 31 Mar 03	422
	01 Apr 03 – 31 Mar 04	430
	01 Apr 04 – 31 Mar 05	477
	01 Apr 05 – 31 Mar 06	340
	01 Apr 06 – 31 Mar 07	229

- C Div is South Manchester, which covered the Moss Side area until 2004/05.
- B Div is the Metropolitan Area, which now covers the Moss Side area from 2005.

NUMBER OF CRIMES WHERE A KNIFE WAS USED AS AN INSTRUMENT

AREA	YEAR	NUMBER OF RECORDED CRIMES
B & C Division	01 Apr 02 – 31 Mar 03	82
	01 Apr 03 – 31 Mar 04	88
	01 Apr 04 – 31 Mar 05	109
	01 Apr 05 – 31 Mar 06	153
	01 Apr 06 – 31 Mar 07	116

Please Note: The search criteria used to retrieve the above information is where a knife has been used only as an instrument.

Police forces in the United Kingdom are routinely required to provide crime statistics to government bodies and the recording criteria is set nationally. However, the systems used for recording these figures are not generic, nor are the procedures used locally in capturing the crime data. It should be noted for these reasons this forces response to your questions should not be used for comparison purposes with any other response you may receive.