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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: GSA 2638/23

I write in connection with your request for information dated 22/05/2023, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Pursuant to s1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please provide me with:

- 1. The number of unlawful eviction allegations you have received within each of the preceding 5 years i.e. evictions contrary to section 1 of the Protection from Eviction Act 1977 (whether expressly stated as such or not).*
- 2. Of those allegations, the number which have resulted in police investigations into breaches of s1 PEA in each of the preceding 5 years.*
- 3. Of those investigations, the number which have resulted in prosecutions being brought by the police for breaches of s1 PEA in each of the preceding 5 years.*
- 4. Of those investigations, the number which have been referred to a local authority for prosecution for breaches of s1 PEA in each of the preceding 5 years.*
- 5. Copies of all local policies, protocols, standard operating procedures, etc, addressing how your officers should respond to allegations that an unlawful eviction is ongoing and/or has already taken place, including what steps officers should take to prevent tenants from being unlawfully evicted and how reports of unlawful eviction should be investigated.*
- 6. Copies of all national policies, held by your organisation, addressing the same issues.*

7. Copies of all other materials used to train officers on these issues i.e. material provided or shown to the officers being trained and material provided solely to trainers.

8. Copies of any internal reports, memos, minutes of meetings, etc, held by your organisation and dated within the last 3 years regarding how your organisation responds to, or should respond to, unlawful evictions.

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police (GMP) to locate the requested information and I can confirm the information requested is held by GMP.

CAVEATS

In July 2019, GMP implemented one of the largest IT infrastructure changes in UK policing. The systems are in continual development and the data provided for this request is what the systems currently hold.

The data for question one contains offences recorded under Home Office code 087/01 Unlawful eviction of occupier with a created date between 1st January 2018 and 31st December 2022, excluding cancelled crimes. Further information about cancelled crimes can be obtained from the Home Office Counting Rules.

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Year	Number of crimes
2018	18
2019	13
2020	10
2021	8
2022	30

2. The number of crimes and the number of investigations is the same as all crimes are investigated to some extent.
3. Prosecution data is not held by the police. Please contact His Majesty's Courts and Tribunal Service for this data.
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5. GMP do not have a specific local policy on unlawful evictions.
6. National policies are not owned by GMP. Please contact the National Police Chiefs Council or the College of Policing for this information.
7. There is no specific training material dedicated to unlawful evictions.
8. This information is not held by GMP.

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