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Our ref: GSA 1355/23
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Tuesday, 11 April 2023

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: GSA 1355/23

I write in connection with your request for information dated 10/03/2023, I note you seek access to the following information:

I would like to request statistics that reveal the number of corrosive fluid offences or acid attacks recorded in the Greater Manchester area in 2022.

- 1. I would like to request the number of offences that were categorised as an acid attack or corrosive fluid offence between 1st January 2022 and 31st December 2022 inclusive.*
- 2. The percentage and or number of said offences mentioned in 1. that were recorded as Violent Offences within the category 'Violence Against the Person'.*
- 3. The age and gender of victims of the said Violent Offences mentioned in 2.*

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request, searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police to locate information relevant to your request. I can confirm that the information you have requested is held by Greater Manchester Police, but I am not obliged to provide all of it as an exemption applies.

The following information has not been provided as the information would significantly increase the likelihood of identifying the individual concerned due to small number results, and as such the exemption in **Section 40(2) – Personal information** applies to that data.

Question 3 – Age

In accordance with the Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, this letter acts as a Refusal Notice for the particular piece of information.

Please find the remainder of the data requested below.

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.

- This data contains acid or corrosive substance attacks with a created date between 1st January 2022 and 31st December 2022, excluding cancelled crimes. Further information about cancelled crimes can be obtained from the Home Office Counting Rules.
- The definition of acid or corrosive substance attacks, as agreed by the National Police Chiefs' Council and Home Office, is "*all notifiable violence against the person and robbery offences, involving the throwing, spraying or pouring of acid or a similarly corrosive substance onto the body of another with the intention to disfigure, torture, kill or otherwise incapacitate for criminal purposes.*" Crimes are manually reviewed for a Home Office return to determine if they meet this definition.
- The data is not held in the form of percentages.

Response

1. 20
2. 19
3. 12 Males and 7 Females

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