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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/23/011197/K

I write in connection with your request for information dated 14/08/2023, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Could you please disclose the number of reported crimes under the following Home Office codes

- o 008/27 Having an article with a blade or point on school/further education premises***
- o 008/62 Threaten with a blade or sharply pointed article on school/further education premise***

Please provide figures for the 2019/2020, 2020/21, 2021/22 and 2022/23 academic years (1 September to 31 July). If possible within the time limit, please provide the ages of the suspects.

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.

This data contains crimes with a created date between 1st September 2019 and 31st July 2023, with at least one suspect. The age has been calculated using the crime committed date and the person's date of birth. Although some ages may not be correct depending on if the correct date of birth was provided at the time of the incident.

Schools may have policies that allow crimes to be resolved without being reported to the police. This means that this data may not reflect the total number of crimes that occurred in schools.

The suspects ages have been merged together as by providing all this information split by individual ages as you have requested would significantly increase the likelihood of identifying the individual(s) concerned, and as such the exemption under S40(2) – Personal Information, would be engaged and result in information being refused. By merging this data it can be provided in its entirety.

Please see the data table below.

Year - 1 September to 31 July	HO Code 008/27	HO Code 008/62	Age range years Totals
2019/2020	60	3	0-5 = 0 6-10 = 6 11-16 = 57
2020/2021	91	16	0-5 = 0 6-10 = 7 11-17 = 100
2021/2022	112	16	0-5 = 1 6-10 = 13 11-17 = 114
2022/2023	88	14	0-5 = 0 6-10 = 10 11-17 = 92
Totals	351	49	Total - 400