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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/23/011691/T

I write in connection with your request for information dated 20/11/2023, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

- A. The number of drug offences in Greater Manchester in the last 12 months (or the most recent last 12 months of data available)***
- B. The above data split by age and ethnicity***
- C. The above data broken down into possession, production, supply and possession with intent to supply***

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 Home Office offence category "Drug Offences" with a created date between 1st November 2022 and 31st October 2023, excluding cancelled crimes. Further information about cancelled crimes can be obtained from the Home Office Counting Rules.
- Offender age has been calculated using the crime committed date and the person date of birth. Please note:
- The crime committed date may be different to other dates e.g. reported or created.

- The crime committed date may be recorded as a range where the crime occurred over a period of time or where it is not possible to say exactly when it occurred. In these cases, the first date in the range has been used for the calculation.
- Age cannot be calculated where the crime committed date and/or person date of birth has not been recorded.
- The calculated age may be incorrect where the person date of birth has been recorded incorrectly.
- There may be more than one suspect attached to a crime. For this reason, ***the number of crimes is not the same as the number of suspects***. Suspects may be attached to more than one crime during this time period, which means that the data cannot be used to identify the number of unique suspects. Suspects have been included even if no action has been taken against them e.g. eliminated, insufficient evidence, wanted.

Response to A & C.

Crime Latest Classification : HO Offence Level	Count of Crimes
Having possession of a controlled drug - cannabis	4405
Unlawful importation of a drug controlled under the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 - Class B	2813
Having possession of a controlled drug - Class B - Other	1049
Having possession of a controlled drug - Cocaine	692
Having possession of a controlled drug - Class A - Other	666
Production of a cannabis plant	508
Possession of a controlled drug with intent to supply - cannabis	498
Possession of a controlled drug with intent to supply - Class A - Other	310
Offence in relation to the unlawful importation of a drug controlled under the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 - Khat	304
Possession of a controlled drug with intent to supply - Cocaine	297
Offence in relation to the unlawful IMPORTATION of a drug controlled under the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 CLASS C	274
Unlawful importation of a drug controlled under the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 - Unknown class	180
Having possession of a controlled drug - Class C- Other	153
Possession of a controlled drug with intent to supply - Class B - Other	146
Supplying or offering to supply a controlled drug - Class B Cannabis and cannabis resin	128
Having possession of a controlled drug - Heroin	125
Possession of a controlled drug with intent to supply - Heroin	81
Possession of a controlled drug with intent to supply a class A or B or C controlled drug.	77
Unlawful importation of a drug controlled under the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 - Class A	72
Supplying or offering to supply a controlled drug - Class A Other	68
Possession of a controlled drug with intent to supply - Crack	56
Having possession of a controlled drug - Amphetamine	55
Having possession of a controlled drug - Crack	53
Production or being concerned in production of a controlled drug - Class B - Other	48
Supplying or offering to supply a controlled drug - Cocaine	47
Possess a psychoactive substance with intent to supply	33
Supplying or offering to supply a controlled drug - Class B - Other	24
Having possession of a controlled drug - MDMA	24

Supplying or offering to supply a controlled drug - Heroin	24
Ketamine (Special K or Club 'horse' drug)	22
Possession of a controlled drug with intent to supply - Class C - Other	21
Possession of a controlled drug with intent to supply - MDMA	19
Supplying or offering to supply a controlled drug - Crack	18
Production or being concerned in production of a controlled drug - Class A - Other	17
Supplying or offering to supply a controlled drug - Class C - Other	17
Possession of a controlled drug with intent to supply - Class B - Mephedrone including cathinone derivatives	16
Supply or being concerned in the supply of a drug subject of a temporary class drug order	15
Unlawful exportation of a drug controlled under the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971- Class B	15
Having possession of a controlled drug - Class unspecified	8
Possession of a controlled drug - Class B - Mephedrone including cathinone derivatives	7
Unlawful exportation of a drug controlled under the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971- Class A	7
Possession of a controlled drug with intent to supply - Amphetamine	6
Production or being concerned in production of a controlled drug - Cocaine	6
Supplying or offering to supply a controlled drug - MDMA	5
Possession of a controlled drug with intent to supply - Anabolic steroids	5
Supplying or offering to supply a controlled drug - Amphetamine	5
Import a drug subject of a temporary class order with intent to evade a prohibition/restriction	5
Obstructing powers of search etc. or concealing drugs etc	4
Concerned in the fraudulent evasion of a prohibition on the importation of a controlled drug - khat	4
Production or being concerned in production of a controlled drug - Heroin	4
Supplying or offering to supply or being concerned in supplying a controlled drug - khat	4
Having possession of a controlled drug - Crystal Meths	4
Having possession of a controlled drug - Anabolic steroids. Possession is not an offence unless you wish to export or import the steroid without a license. It is also an offence if they are counterfeit.	4
Offence in relation to the unlawful exportation of a drug controlled under the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 -Khat	3
Synthetic cannabinoid agonists	3
Having possession of a controlled drug - Methadone	3
Production or being concerned in production of a controlled drug - Class B - Mephedrone including cathinone derivatives	3
Possession of a controlled drug with intent to supply - Ketamine	2
Supplying or offering to supply a controlled drug - Class B - Mephedrone including cathinone derivatives	2
Obstructing a PC in exercise of a S23A (6) power to detain or search a person, vehicle or vessel regarding a drug the subject of a temporary class drug order	2
Supply a psychoactive substance	2
Production or being concerned in production of a controlled drug - Crack	2
Permitting premises to be used for unlawful purposes - Cannabis	2
Possession of a controlled drug - khat	2
Possession of a controlled drug with intent to supply - Class unspecified	2
Supply etc. of articles for administering or preparing controlled drugs	2

Offence in relation to the unlawful EXPORTATION of a drug controlled under the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 CLASS C	2
Produce or being concerned in the production of a drug subject of a temporary class drug order	2
Supplying a scheduled substance to another person	1
Offer to supply a psychoactive substance	1
Produce a psychoactive substance	1
Possessing with intent to supply a drug subject of a temporary class drug order	1
Possession of a controlled drug with intent to supply - khat	1
Supplying or offering to supply a controlled drug - Class unspecified	1
Supplying or offering to supply a controlled drug - Ketamine	1
Having possession of a controlled drug - LSD	1
Possession of a controlled drug with intent to supply - LSD	1
Supplying or offering to supply a controlled drug - Methadone	1
Permitting premises to be used for unlawful purposes - Cocaine	1
Incite another to supply a controlled drug	1
Contravention of directions prohibiting, prescribing, possessing, supply etc. of controlled drugs by practitioners or pharmacists-	1
Possession of a controlled drug with intent to supply - Crystal Meths	1
Import a psychoactive substance	1
Unlawful exportation of a drug controlled under the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971- Class unspecified	1
Production or being concerned in production of a controlled drug - MDMA	1
Total	13499

For part B, the ages have been merged together as by providing all this information split by individual ages 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.

Response's to B

Age Bracket	Total
Unknown	218
0-10	3
11-20	3029
21-30	4099
31-40	2599
41-50	1176
51-60	495
61-70	97
71-80	11
81-90	2

Police Defined Ethnicity at Time of Crime : Ethnicity Description	Count of Crimes
Asian	1511
Black	1501
Chinese, Japanese or any other South East Asian	61
Middle Eastern	259

not recorded/not known	1041
White - North European	6941
White - South European	181
Unknown	234