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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/23/011697/Z

I write in connection with your request for information dated 21/11/2023, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Data and statistics from 2020-2023 on knife-related youth violence linked to Snapchat as a contributor.

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 knife crimes (as per the ADR 160) with a created date between 1st January 2020 and 31st May 2023, where the crime description or crime MO description contains 'snap' and 'chat', excluding cancelled crimes. Further information about cancelled crimes can be obtained from the Home Office Counting Rules. Please note:
 - The keyword methodology does not account for spelling errors.
- Please note, we only have data for knife crimes as per the ADR 160 from January 2021.
- We have provided data up to May 2023 as the system that is used to identify knife crimes is currently being investigated for accuracy issues beyond this date.

Response.

A total of 7 crimes have been identified between the requested dates where snapchat has been mentioned as a contributor to the crime.