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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/23/011713/I

I write in connection with your request for information dated 23/11/2023, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Please could you confirm the total number of knife crimes between 1 November 2020 to 1 November 2023?

Please can this data be broken down by area?

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 (according to ADR 160) with a created date between 01/11/2020 and 31/05/2023, excluding cancelled crimes. Further information about cancelled crimes can be obtained from the Home Office Counting Rules. Data is unable to be provided for knife crimes created after this date due to the system used to classify knife crime being investigated for data quality.

We are aware of various PoliceWorks issues affecting committed at locations for new and migrated crimes (see below for details). These issues mean that data for a specific location may include crimes that did not happen in that location and/or exclude crimes that did.

- Some crimes do not have a beat code, which means that they cannot be mapped to other geographies e.g. districts.

- Some crimes have an incorrect beat code, which means that they are mapped to the wrong geographies.
- Some crimes do not have an address because e.g. the address has been recorded in a non-standard format or as map coordinates.

Crime: District Name	Count of Crimes
City of Manchester North	1416
City of Manchester Central	1102
City of Manchester South	794
Salford	1113
Tameside	789
Stockport	708
Bolton	1009
Wigan	906
Trafford	568
Bury	637
Rochdale	902
Oldham	889
Manchester Airport	1
Unknown	30