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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/23/011580/N

I write in connection with your request for information dated 31/10/2023, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I make reference to this paragraph: 'The latest figures for Greater Manchester suggest proactive policing and preventative work is delivering real results. In the 12 months to August 2023, GMP recorded 3,732 knife crimes, which is 668 fewer than the previous year - a reduction of 15.2%'

I'd like to ask if this data broken down by area/ward. If so, can I please get the stats for Moss Side/Hulme - or the area that includes Moss Side and Hulme - for 2022/23, 2021/22 and 2020/21.

if possible - and within cost limits - can I get a breakdown of the type of knife crime recorded - for possession of a blade or pointed article or wounding with intent - and the age and sex of anyone arrested.

If the data in the above report can not be broken down, can I please ask for all knife incidents recorded in Moss Side and Hulme - broken down month by month from January 2020 to now.

Can you include the type of crime recorded and the age and sex of those arrested for each crime.

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 defined by the Home Office under the ADR 160, with a created date between 1st August 2021 and 31st July 2023, excluding cancelled crimes, where the community name is listed as either 'Moss Side' or 'Hulme'. Further information about cancelled crimes can be obtained from the Home Office Counting Rules.
- We are aware of various system issues affecting **committed at locations for new and migrated crimes**. 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.
- This data is an accurate reflection of what is in the system currently, but we are working with the Home Office who currently provide a data quality validation process to review the last 12 months of data and as a result of this review the data may subsequently change.

Crime Data

Due to the low numbers returned, the totals per month/year have been merged together as by providing all this information split by month and year 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.

HO Offence Level	Total Crime Count
Murder of Persons aged 1yr or over	1
Threats to Kill	4
Wounding with intent to do grievous bodily harm	30
Malicious Wounding: - wounding or inflicting grievous bodily harm	2
Assault occasioning actual bodily harm	6
Having an article with a blade or point in a public place	2
Threaten with an offensive weapon in a public place	3
Threaten with a blade or sharply pointed article in a public place	9
Threaten a person with an offensive weapon/substance in a private place	1
Non-fatal strangulation and suffocation	4
Rape of a female aged 16 or over	2
Attempted rape of a female aged 16 or over	1
Rape of a female child under 13 by a male	1
Robbery – personal	32
Assault with intent to rob – Personal	3

Arrests data

To provide the arrest data a manual review has been conducted. Some of these incidents included multiple defendants/arrests and therefore the total number of arrests is 111 for knife incidents in Moss Side/Hulme. Of these only 60 have accessible data showing age and gender. This information has been provided below.

Gender	Total
Female	7
Male	53

Age Brackets	Totals
10-20	23
21-30	17
31-40	7
41-50	11
51-60	1