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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: GSA 3291/23

I write in connection with your request for information dated 28/06/2023, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

My request is regarding reports of drones being flown in restricted airspace.

For each of the last three years (27 June 2020 – 26th June 2021, 27th June 2021 – 26th June 2022 and 27th June 2022 – 26th June 2023) can you please provide the following information:

- 1) How many reports did you receive of drones illegally operating within the restricted airspace around Manchester Airport?***
- 2) How many arrests were made as a result of reports for 1?***
- 3) What other action was taken in respect of 1 and 2 such as fines/drone equipment being confiscated?***

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 not held by GMP.

Question 1

There are several offences relating to small, unmanned aircraft under Offences against the Air Navigation Order 2016 and Offences against the Air Traffic Management and Unmanned Aircraft Act 2021 but these are non-notifiable so we cannot provide any information (see below).

Non-notifiable offences

Any offence that **isn't** included in the Home Office counting rules is a non-notifiable offence. Non-notifiable offences are not recorded on crime recording systems so we can't provide any information.

Question 2

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.

A search using the keyword 'Drone' and 'Manchester Airport' has been conducted and it returned no relevant results for any of the given dates.

Question 3

No information held.