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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/23/011537/K

I write in connection with your request for information dated 23/10/2023, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

please could you provide the following information for the years 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 so far?

- 1. How many times was GMP called to reports of incidents at schools and colleges in the Wigan division each year?***
- 2. How many of these call-outs related to drug offences (eg suspected possession)?***
- 3. For each of these incidents, what was the outcome? For example, was a suspect arrested or charged?***

Clarification - Following "crime" and then "drug offences" does seem like the best way to continue. (changed from Incident search to crime search)

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 with a crime location district as 'Wigan', where the crime MO keywords subcategory is 'school' or 'college', with a created date between 01/01/2019 and 30/10/2023, excluding cancelled crimes. Further information about cancelled crimes can be obtained from the Home Office Counting Rules.

- Drug offences have been identified by crime tree level 2 'drug offences'
- Crime outcomes cannot be provided between July 2019 and January 2020.
- A crime outcome of 'Missing Value' means that the investigation is ongoing, and an outcome has not yet been applied.

Please note.

Due to some low returned numbers, some figures have been replaced with an X, as by providing all this information 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 replacing this data with a X it can be provided in its entirety.

Please see the below table that answers all parts of this request.

Home Office Outcome	Count of Crimes	Count of Drug Offences
1 - Charged/Summonsed	6	0
2 - Caution - Youths	11	0
2A - Caution - Youths Alternative Offence	X	0
8 - Community Resolution	40	0
9 - Prosecution not in the public interest (CPS) (all offences)	X	0
10 - Formal action against the offender is not in the public interest (Police)	X	0
11 - Prosecution prevented – Named suspect identified but is below the age of criminal responsibility	10	0
12 - Prosecution prevented – Named suspect identified but is too ill (physical or mental health) to prosecute	X	0
14 - Evidential Difficulties Victim Based – Named suspect not identified: The crime is confirmed but the victim either declines/ or is unable to support further police investigation to identify the offender.	76	0
15 - Named Suspect identified: victim supports police action but evidential difficulties prevent further action.	85	0
16 - Named Suspect identified: evidential difficulties prevent further action; victim does not support (or has withdrawn support from) police action.	269	0
18 - Investigation Complete: No suspect identified. Crime	192	0

investigated as far as reasonably possible –Case closed pending further investigative opportunities becoming available		
21 - Named Suspect Identified; Prosecution not in the public interest	15	X
22 - Diversionary, Educational, Intervention complete. Further action not in public interest.	30	0
Missing Value	39	0