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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/23/011650/K

I write in connection with your request for information dated 13/11/2023, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

- 1. How many traffic collisions has there been where nitrous oxide has been involved per year? Please provide data for each year: 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023. Please provide as much data for 2023 as possible closest to the current day.***
- 2. How many of those traffic collisions involving nitrous oxide have resulted in one or more fatalities? Please specify how many for each incident.***
- 3. How many arrests have been recorded for the illegal sale of nitrous oxide from the start of 2016 to the 8th of November 2023?***

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.

Questions 1 and 2 - GMP have no information on this to provide.

For the above questions, you may be able to request this information via TFGM using this link
<https://tfgm.com/foi>

Question 3 – 54 results

Please see Caveats below for Q3.

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. Any data provided for this request is subject to change as crimes are progressed and/or updated.

- Data is for all arrests from Jan 1st 2016 – Nov 8th 2023 and then used a search for the words 'nitrous oxide' in 'Arrest: This was then filtered using arrests under 'Possess a psychoactive substance with intent to supply/ Supply a psychoactive substance'.
- The keyword methodology does not account for spelling errors.
- The appearance of the keywords in the text fields does not necessarily mean that records are relevant to this request.
- Management of Police Information regulations state that non-essential records should be removed from police systems six financial years after the year in which they were originally created. This means that data that is more than six financial years old may be incomplete and should not be compared to more recent data.