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**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/23/011653/N**

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

***Please can you provide me with the following information relating chiefly to the offence type of Assault on an Emergency Worker for each of the last 5 calendar years (beginning with 2019 and also including 2023, up until the date this request is answered). There are two supplementary questions which relate to a different offence type, Assaulting a Police Constable. Please provide figures for the same period.***

***1/ The annual number of recorded offences of Assault on an Emergency Worker?***

***2/ / The annual number of charges recorded for the offence of Assault on an Emergency Worker?***

***3/ The annual number of recorded offences of Assault on an Emergency Worker where that worker was a police officer?***

***4/ The annual number of charges recorded for the offence of Assault on an Emergency Worker where that worker was a police officer?***

***5/ The annual number of recorded offences of Assaulting a Police Constable in the execution of their duty (often known as Assault PC)?***

***6/ The annual number of charges recorded for the offence of Assaulting a Police Constable in the execution of their duty?***

***It is understood that Assault of a Police Constable is used less as an offence type after the legislation change concerning Assault on an Emergency Worker in 2018.***

Q1-4 relate to <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2018/23>

Q 5-6 relate to <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1996/16/section/89>

**Clarification:** For charges data, it is accepted that there may occasionally be a lag with the charging of some offences and so please provide only the specific number of charges decided on that year - and not tied to the offences they relate to.

### **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 recorded under the following Home Office offences, with a created date between 01/01/2019 and 20/11/2023, excluding cancelled crimes. Further information about cancelled crimes can be obtained from the Home Office Counting Rules:
  - 8T – Assault with injury on an Emergency Worker (other than a Constable)
  - 8S – Assault with injury on a Constable
  - 104 – Assault without injury on a Constable
- Some offences may only be available for part of this time period i.e. they may have started or stopped being used during this period.
- The data only represents assaults on emergency workers that are on duty at the time of the assault.

| Number of Recorded Crimes                                                | Year |      |      |      |      |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
|                                                                          | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 |
| 8S - Assault with Injury on a Constable                                  | 508  | 214  | 64   | 64   | 71   |
| 8T - Assault with Injury on an Emergency Worker (other than a Constable) | 0    | 57   | 68   | 191  | 328  |
| 104 - Assault without Injury on a Constable                              | 913  | 1117 | 1379 | 1537 | 1544 |

| Number of Charges                                                        | Year |      |      |      |      |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
|                                                                          | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 |
| 8S - Assault with Injury on a Constable                                  | 70   | 25   | 16   | 12   | 11   |
| 8T - Assault with Injury on an Emergency Worker (other than a Constable) | 0    | 2    | 8    | 14   | 7    |
| 104 - Assault without Injury on a Constable                              | 485  | 595  | 666  | 818  | 752  |