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Our ref: 01/FOI/23/011494/Q

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/23/011494/Q

I write in connection with your request for information dated 16/10/2023, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I am writing to you under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request information regarding the number of children under the age of 10 who have been subjected to stop and search procedures by your police force over the past three years (2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023-24 so far).

Specifically, I kindly request the following information:

- 1. The total number of children under the age of 10 who have been subjected to stop and search procedures by your police force each year for the past three years, broken down by financial or calendar year, whichever is easier.*
- 2. For each of these incidents, please provide the following details:*
 - a. The reason for the stop and search (reasonable suspicion of weapon, drugs, etc.)*
 - c. The outcome of the search (e.g., whether any items were found, and if so, what those items were).*

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.

The data extract was run on 6/10/2023. We have supplied records for searches conducted between 01/01/2021 and 30/09/2023 where the calculated age category was 9 years and under.

We have provided the object searched for to cover this part of the request: *'a. The reason for the stop and search (reasonable suspicion of weapon, drugs, etc.)'*

We don't have a record of items found, just whether the object sought was found or whether a different object was found. We have provided these to answer the following part of the request: *'c. The outcome of the search (e.g., whether any items were found, and if so, what those items were)'*

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STOP SEARCH REFERENCE	SEARCH TYPE INFERRED	STOP YEAR MONTH	OBJECT SEARCHED FOR	OBJECT SOUGHT FOUND	DIFFERENT OBJECT FOUND
1	01) Person search	2021-01	04) Offensive Weapons	02) No	No
2	01) Person search	2021-05	01) Stolen Property	02) No	No
3	01) Person search	2021-07	02) Drugs	02) No	No
4	01) Person search	2021-07	02) Drugs	02) No	No
5	01) Person search	2021-09	02) Drugs	02) No	No
6	01) Person search	2021-09	02) Drugs	02) No	No
7	01) Person search	2021-10	07) Other	02) No	No
8	01) Person search	2021-11	04) Offensive Weapons	02) No	No
9	01) Person search	2021-11	02) Drugs	02) No	No
10	02) Person and Vehicle search	2021-12	02) Drugs	02) No	Yes

11	01) Person search	2022-02	02) Drugs	02) No	No
12	01) Person search	2022-05	04) Offensive Weapons	02) No	No
13	01) Person search	2022-06	04) Offensive Weapons	02) No	No
14	01) Person search	2022-07	04) Offensive Weapons	02) No	No
15	01) Person search	2022-07	04) Offensive Weapons	02) No	No
16	01) Person search	2022-08	01) Stolen Property	02) No	No
17	01) Person search	2022-09	01) Stolen Property	02) No	No
18	01) Person search	2022-09	04) Offensive Weapons	02) No	No
19	01) Person search	2022-10	04) Offensive Weapons	02) No	No
20	01) Person search	2022-10	01) Stolen Property	02) No	No
21	01) Person search	2022-11	05) Going Equipped to Steal	02) No	No
22	01) Person search	2022-12	01) Stolen Property	02) No	No
23	01) Person search	2023-03	04) Offensive Weapons	02) No	No
24	01) Person search	2023-04	04) Offensive Weapons	02) No	No
25	01) Person search	2023-06	04) Offensive Weapons	02) No	No
26	01) Person search	2023-07	03) Firearms	01) Yes	No
27	01) Person search	2023-07	05) Going Equipped to Steal	02) No	No
28	01) Person search	2023-08	04) Offensive Weapons	02) No	No

29	01) Person search	2023-08	04) Offensive Weapons	02) No	No
30	01) Person search	2023-09	02) Drugs	02) No	No