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

The number of narcotics/drug seizures and drug-related offences committed in Manchester Airport during the following years:

- 2023
- 2022
- 2021
- 2020
- 2019

*Please state which types of drugs were involved in each of these categories.
Additionally, please provide the above information electronically.*

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 crime tree level 2 = 'drug offences', where the crime location district is Manchester Airport or where 'airport' is found in one of the address fields, with a created date between 1st January 2019 and 25th October 2023, excluding cancelled crimes. Further information about cancelled crimes can be obtained from the Home Office Counting Rules.

We are aware of various issues affecting committed at locations for new and migrated crimes. These issues mean that data for a specific location may include crimes that did not happen in that location and/or exclude crimes that did.

- Some crimes do not have a beat code, which means that they cannot be mapped to other geographies e.g. districts.
- Some crimes have an incorrect beat code, which means that they are mapped to the wrong geographies.
- Some crimes do not have an address because e.g. the address has been recorded in a non-standard format or as map coordinates.

Please note:

- The address recorded may not be where the crime happened e.g. where the crime happened in the street and the address was used as a reference point.
- There may be more than one variation of the same address.

The below results include crimes that occurred at locations on the Manchester Airport site, such as hotels, car parks, the ground transport interchange and care hire facilities.

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2019 – 13 crimes, 20 seizures

2020 – 5 crimes, 7 seizures

2021 – 11 crimes, 18 seizures

2022 – 29 crimes, 16 seizures

2023 – 42 crimes, 40 seizures (up to 25/10/2023)

The types of drugs seized were:

- Amphetamines
- Cannabis (Herbal and resin)
- Cocaine
- Ecstasy (MDMA)
- Ketamine
- Methamphetamine
- Over the counter medicines
- Prescription medicines
- Other drugs
- Unknown drugs