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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/23/011316/Z

I write in connection with your request for information dated 12/09/2023, I note you seek access to the following information:

I understand from your recent press release (30.08.23) that over the past year, recorded knife crimes throughout the region have dropped by 15.2%. Please could I clarify how many of these incidents involved individuals between the ages of 5 and 18, either as perpetrators or as victims?

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police to locate information relevant to your request. I can confirm that the information you have requested is held by Greater Manchester Police.

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 defined by the Home Office under the ADR 160, where the crime person age is greater than or equal to 5 and less than or equal to 18 years, with a created date between 1st August 2021 and 31st July 2023, excluding cancelled crimes. Further information about cancelled crimes can be obtained from the Home Office Counting Rules.
- Age has been calculated using the crime committed date and the person date of birth. Please note:
 - The crime committed date may be different to other dates e.g. reported or created.
 - The crime committed date may be recorded as a range where the crime occurred over a period of time or where it is not possible to say exactly when it

occurred. In these cases, the first date in the range has been used for the calculation.

- Age cannot be calculated where the crime committed date and/or person date of birth has not been recorded.
- The calculated age may be incorrect where the person date of birth has been recorded incorrectly.
- Please note, there may be more than one suspect attached to a crime. In this request, we have counted the number of crimes where at least one offender is within the requested age range. Other offenders may be outside of this range.

Response data

Victim data	Previous Year	Latest Year
Number of crimes	1004	883

Offender data	Previous Year	Latest Year
Number of crimes	639	611