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Our ref: 01/FOI/23/011522/D

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/23/011522/D

I write in connection with your request for information dated 19/10/2023, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

How many people were arrested for carrying knives in Manchester between 2020-2023

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 held by GMP.

Caveats

The below is a result of a search on our custody system between 01/01/2020 and 20/11/2023 under the search parameter 'Offence Classification : Offence Title' and filtered to include:

- Possess knife blade/sharp pointed article in a public place - Criminal Justice Act 1988;
- Possess knife blade or sharply pointed article;
- Possess article with blade / sharply pointed article on school premises;
- Possess article with blade / sharply pointed article on school / further education premises;
- Possess article with blade / point on school premises

Since 2020, there have been 5,435 arrests for carrying a knife in Manchester.