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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/23/011209/X

I write in connection with your request for information dated 16/08/2023, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

How many incidents on your system received a flag for 'fentanyl', 'synthetic opioid' or 'fentanyl analogue' in your Police Force in the years:

- a) 2023
- b) 2022
- c) 2021
- d) 2020
- e) 2019
- f) 2018
- g) 2017

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 incidents with a created date between 1st January 2017 and 31st July 2023 where the title, details or contact comments contains “fentanyl”, “synthetic opioid”, or “fentanyl analogue”, excluding incidents with a closing code of L10 Duplicate, L19 Error or L22 Test or training. Please note that the keyword methodology does not account for spelling errors.

Management of Police Information regulations state that non-essential records should be removed from police systems six financial years after the year in which they were originally created. This means that data that is more than six financial years old may be incomplete and should not be compared to more recent data.

REPLY

Year	Incident Count
2017	6
2018	3
2019	6
2020	2
2021	3
2022	7
2023	8