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Our ref: 01/FOI/24/012301/R

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/012301/R**

I write in connection with your request for information dated 12/03/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

1. *How many incidents of illegal dumping of rubbish (also commonly known as fly dumping or fly tipping) occurred within the jurisdiction of your force's authority last year (i.e. 2023)*
2. *How many incidents of illegal dumping of rubbish (also commonly known as fly dumping or fly tipping) occurred within the jurisdiction of your force's authority have occurred since the beginning of 2024?*
3. *How many arrests were made by your police force for illegal dumping of rubbish (also commonly known as fly dumping or fly tipping) last year (i.e. 2023)*
4. *How many arrests were made by your police force for illegal dumping of rubbish (also commonly known as fly dumping or fly tipping) since the beginning of 2024*

**Result of Searches**

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

## CAVEATS

For the arrest data, a keyword search was conducted for in 'Arrest : Arrest Circumstances' for 'fly tipping', 'fly-tipping', and 'fly dumping'.

It should be noted that using a keyword search is that it does not take into account spelling errors; also there is no guarantee that the arrest circumstances will be filled in.

1. This information is not held by GMP. Fly tipping is not a notifiable offence, so we do not record how many such reports are made to us. Furthermore, investigation of fly tipping is the responsibility of local authorities and the Environment Agency, not local police forces. Please contact those organisations to obtain this information.
2. This information is not held by GMP. Fly tipping is not a notifiable offence, so we do not record how many such reports are made to us. Furthermore, investigation of fly tipping is the responsibility of local authorities and the Environment Agency, not local police forces. Please contact those organisations to obtain this information.
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Some further information on fly tipping investigation is available from the House of Commons Library [Fly-tipping: the illegal dumping of waste - House of Commons Library \(parliament.uk\)](#).