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Monday, 15 April 2024

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/012305/V

I write in connection with your request for information dated 13/03/2024, I note you seek access to the following information:

Under the FOI Act 2000, please provide me with the number of reports for each of these offences broken down by year (calendar) each of 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020 and 2019.

- 1) Section 6 - Possession of a corrosive substance in public place*
- 2) Section 18 - Wounding or causing GBH with intent with the use of a corrosive substance*
- 3) Section 20 – Unlawful wounding or inflicting grievous bodily harm with the use of a corrosive substance*
- 4) Section 29 – Sending, throwing or using explosive or corrosive substance or noxious thing with intent to do grievous bodily harm (when it is corrosive substance)*

If within the time allowed, under each type of offence in each year, please provide breakdown of the corrosive substance where mentioned.

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. Any data provided for this request is subject to change as crimes are progressed and/or updated.

Please note, the corrosive substance information has been exempted from disclosure under **Section 40(2) Personal Information** – this information constitutes personal data of an identifiable living individual, and to disclose this information would breach the principles of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018. Personal data is defined by Section 1 of the Data Protection Act 1998 and means data that relates to an individual who can be identified directly or indirectly from that data.

1) To obtain this information, we have searched on Home Office Code 008/75 (Have a Corrosive Substance in a Public Place).

Year	Volume of Crimes
2019	0
2020	0
2021	0
2022	1
2023	2

2) There is no Home Office Crime Code for this offence. We have therefore searched on Home Office Code 005/01 (Wounding with Intent to do Grievous Bodily Harm) and used the key words 'corrosive' and 'acid' in the Crime Description field.

Year	Volume of Crimes
2019	1
2020	2
2021	3
2022	2
2023	3

3) There is no Home Office Crime Code for this offence. We have therefore searched on Home Office Code 008/01 (Wounding or Inflicting Grievous Bodily Harm) and used the key words 'corrosive' and 'acid' in the Crime Description field.

NIL result

4) To obtain this information, we have searched on Home Office Code 005/07 (Causing Explosions, Sending Explosives Substances or Throwing Corrosive Fluids with Intent to do Grievous Bodily Harm).

Year	Volume of Crimes
2019	10
2020	8

2021	7
2022	9
2023	10

For further information for Home Office Code, please the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/counting-rules-for-recorded-crime>