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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/012457/K

I write in connection with your request for information dated 12/04/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Between (and including) the date periods - 1 January 2020 to 1 January 2024, and 1 January 2024 to 11 April 2024 – please provide the following calendar yearly figures for:

- ***the number of offences of knife crime and knife-related crime recorded annually in your area since 2020,***
- ***of which how many committed by people aged 16-19,***
- ***The number of knife crime and knife-related crime recorded annually in post-16 further education institutions in your area since 2020.***
- ***The number of all crimes committed by 16–19-year-olds recorded for every year in your area since 2020.***

Please note that knife-related crime refers to offences made with bladed objects and can include (but are not limited to) possession, assault, threats or use of violence, grievous bodily harm, wounding, harassment, rape, robbery, criminal damage and affray.

Please provide the answers in an excel spreadsheet and/or word document.

Clarification.

The educational establishments we are referring to in this query are: college and further education

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 knife crimes according to the ADR 160 definition with a created date between 01/01/2020 and 11/04/2024, excluding cancelled crimes. Further information about cancelled crimes can be obtained from the Home Office Counting Rules.
- ***We are providing the knife crime data as you have requested as it is a complete record of what we have recorded on our systems. However, we have identified a data quality fault with our knife crime markers, which makes this data likely to be inaccurate. All knife crime data is assessed by the Home Office's data quality improvement service (most UK Police Force's use this) and we have identified an error which means some records were not getting assessed. We are working hard with our supplier to identify and re process all data that is likely to be impacted by this fault. As soon as all data has been re processed, we will remove this caveat and return to supplying complete and accurate data. If you would like to make a further request in 6 months' time we can advise where we are with the data re processing. This fault only affects the accurate flagging of crimes as knife crime, all crimes will have been investigated completely irrespective of whether they have or have not been flagged as knife crime.***
- ***Knife crime data has not been processed since September 2023, therefore there are 0 knife crimes identified beyond this date.***
- MO keywords are only available for new and migrated crimes.
- The MO keywords are not mandatory and may not be completed.
- Schools may have policies that allow crimes to be resolved without being reported to the police. This means that this data may not reflect the total number of crimes that occurred in schools.
- 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.
- There may be more than one suspect attached to a crime. Suspects may be attached to more than one crime during this time period, which means that the data cannot be used to identify the number of unique suspects.
- Suspects have been included even if no action has been taken against them e.g. eliminated, insufficient evidence, wanted.

Year	Count of knife crimes	Count of knife crimes where at least one offender is aged 16-19	Count of knife crimes in college or further education premises	Count of crimes where at least one offender is aged 16-19
2020	3990	452	0	12822
2021	4393	386	0	16152
2022	4281	412	2	16872
2023	2332	248	1	15842
2024	0	0	0	4220