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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/24/013037/Y

I write in connection with your request for information dated 31/07/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I am writing to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please can you provide the following information, broken down by financial year for 2023-24, 2022-23, and 2021-22:

- 1. The number of strip searches carried out by police.*
 - o Of these, how many were carried out on someone 10-17 years old?*
 - o Of these, how many were carried out on someone under-10 years old?*
- 2. The number of police complaints received about a police strip search.*

Please provide the requested information in Excel or CSV format.

If it is not possible to provide the information requested, due to it exceeding the cost of compliance limits identified in Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please provide advice and assistance, under the Section 16 obligations of the Act, as to how I can refine my request.

CLARIFICATION

Just to clarify, this FOI is in relation to strip searches in custody - under PACE S54 - and strip searches resulting from the use of stop and search powers.

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.

Question 1

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 custody records with a search authorised date between 1st April 2021 and 31st March 2024, where the search type description is equal to 'Strip'.
- Age has been calculated using the search authorised date and the person date of birth. Please note, the calculated age may be incorrect where the person date of birth has been recorded incorrectly.

Strip searches			
	2023-2024	2022-2023	2021-2022
Under 10	0	0	0
Between 10 & 17	156	56	38
Over 18	3571	1699	1384
Age not stated	1	2	0

Question 2

Please note – The cases refer to any instance where a complaint has been made that people have had their clothes removed or have been stripped naked.

Year	Total
2021-2022	27
2022-2023	26
2023-2024	28