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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/011886/X

I write in connection with your request for information dated 04/01/2024, I note you seek access to the following information:

How many charge outcome for crimes involving a knife or bladed article has your police force made in the past 10 years? Please break this down by year.

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.

- This data contains knife crimes as defined by the ADR 160 with an outcome date between 1st January 2014 and 31st December 2023, excluding cancelled crimes. Further information about cancelled crimes can be obtained from the Home Office Counting Rules.
- Our knife crime data starts in July 2019, so the count for each year before 2019 is null. Data only includes knife crimes with a created date up to and including 30th September 2023 as this is as far as our records go at this current time. Thus, both 2019 and 2023 are partial years and are not comparable to the other years of data. The NDQIS system used to classify knife crime is currently being investigated for data quality issues.
- Charges have been defined by GMP person outcome 1A (charged)

- Due to the system change, we are aware of a issue affecting suspect outcomes for migrated crimes with more than one suspect attached. This issue means that the outcome shown for some suspects attached to migrated crimes may be incorrect.
- Offenders 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 offenders.

Response

Year	Count of People Charged
2014	0
2015	0
2016	0
2017	0
2018	0
2019	142
2020	514
2021	398
2022	505
2023	399