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Our ref: 01/FOI/24/012137/X

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/012137/X

I write in connection with your request for information dated 13/02/2024 received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I would like to request the number of offences that were categorised as a corrosive offence in the Greater Manchester area between 1st January 2023 and 31st December 2023 inclusive.

- 1. The number of offences that were recorded as physical corrosive substance/fluids attacks against the person'.*
- 2. The number of threats of corrosive substance/fluid attacks against the person.*
- 3. The age and gender of victims of the said offences mentioned in 1 and 2.*
- 4. The age and gender of suspects of the said offences mentioned in 1 and 2.*
- 5. Outcomes of physical corrosive substance attacks against the person.*
- 6. Outcomes of threats of corrosive substance attacks against the person.*

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

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 crimes with a created date between 1st January 2023 and 31st December 2023 inclusive, excluding cancelled crimes, that fall within the ADR 190 'corrosive substance attacks'. Further information about cancelled crimes can be obtained from the Home Office Counting Rules. Further information on the ADR 190 can be found on pages 53-53 of the Home Office Annual Data Requirement here: [\[Title\] \(npcc.police.uk\)](#)

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.

Victims' age and gender, suspects' age and gender and crime outcome have been split from each other as by providing all this information together would significantly increase the likelihood of identifying the individuals concerned, and as such the exemption **under S40(2) – Personal Information**, would be engaged and result in information being refused. By splitting this data, it can be provided in its entirety.

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2. This information is not held by Greater Manchester Police. There is no Home Office Offence Code for "threats of corrosive substance".
- 3.

Victim age	Victim gender
15	Female
19	Female

20	Female
22	Male
23	Male
24	Male
25	Male
26	Female
33	Male
35	Male
35	Male
37	Female
39	Male
41	Female
43	Female
43	Female
45	Female
48	Female
57	Male
61	Male
66	Female

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Suspect age	Suspect gender
12	Female
16	Female
16	Male
16	Male
17	Female
17	Female
17	Male
19	Female
19	Female
19	Female
20	Female
23	Female
28	Male
29	Male
29	Male
30	Male
32	Female
33	Male

34	Male
38	Male
38	Male
45	Male
50	Female
54	Male
57	Female

5.

GMP Outcome Description
Charge (1A)
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Charged Alternative Offence (1C)
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Decision Pending (98)
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Missing Value
Suspect Identified-Insufficient Evidence CPS (15A)
Suspect Identified-Insufficient Evidence Police (15B)
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