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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/012152/W

I write in connection with your request for information dated 14/02/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I would like to request the number of sexual assaults and rapes taken place in public toilets within your jurisdiction in the past 10 years.

Specifically, I am interested in the following:

- 1. How many sexual assaults and rapes against people aged over 18 have been reported which are alleged to have taken place at public toilets in your jurisdiction in the last 10 years?*
- 2. How many sexual assaults and rapes against people aged under 18 have been reported which are alleged to have taken place at public toilets in your jurisdiction in the last 10 years?*
- 3. How many cases had an outcome of charge/summons?*
- 4. If possible, please provide yearly data and comment on measures you are taking to address the issue.*

If 10 years of data is not available, please provide data from the earliest month you can trace to the most recent month.

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 the information you have requested is held by GMP.

CAVEATS

I have searched on the Home Office Crime Categories 'Rape' and 'Other Sexual Offences' recorded between 01/01/2014 – 31/12/2023 inclusive. I then filtered the data to only show rapes and sexual assaults, and used a key-word search of 'public toilet' in the 'crime description' field.

As with all FOIs, the following caveat applies: 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.

- 1) **How many sexual assaults and rapes against people aged over 18 have been reported which are alleged to have taken place at public toilets in your jurisdiction in the last 10 years?**

Year	Rapes	Sexual Assaults
2014	0	0
2015	0	1
2016	0	2
2017	0	2
2018	0	0
2019	0	0
2020	0	1
2021	0	1
2022	1	0
2023	0	0

- 2) **How many sexual assaults and rapes against people aged under 18 have been reported which are alleged to have taken place at public toilets in your jurisdiction in the last 10 years?**

Year	Rapes	Sexual Assaults
2014	1	2
2015	1	1
2016	0	4
2017	2	0
2018	0	2
2019	2	4
2020	0	0
2021	0	1
2022	0	1

2023	1	0
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3) How many cases had an outcome of charge/summons?

Year	Rapes	Sexual Assaults
2014	0	1
2015	0	0
2016	0	1
2017	0	0
2018	0	1
2019	0	0
2020	0	0
2021	0	0
2022	0	0
2023	0	0

4. Information is defined in section 84 of the Freedom of Information Act as 'information recorded in any form'. The Act therefore only extends to requests for recorded information. It does not require public authorities to answer questions generally; only if they already hold the answers in recorded form. The Act does not extend to requests for information about policies or their implementation, or the merits or demerits of any proposal or action - unless, of course, the answer to any such request is already held in recorded form. As such, within the spirit of the Act, only questions 1-3 qualify as a request for information held.