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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/012187/H

I write in connection with your request for information dated 21/02/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

My request concerns police-recorded offences involving a corrosive substance.

Could you please send me the following information:

1) The number of violence against the person offences involving a corrosive substance that were recorded in each month in 2021, 2022 and 2023, plus January 2024 if available

2) The number of robbery offences involving a corrosive substance that were recorded in each month in 2021, 2022 and 2023, plus January 2024 if available

If any of this information is already in the public domain, please can you direct me to it, including website links as appropriate.

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 data that falls within the definition of ADR 190 'corrosive substance attacks' with a created date between 1st January 2021 and 31st January 2023, excluding

cancelled crimes. Further information about cancelled crimes can be obtained from the Home Office Counting Rules.

- The definition of acid or corrosive substance attacks, as agreed by the National Police Chiefs' Council and Home Office, is "all notifiable violence against the person and robbery offences, involving the throwing, spraying or pouring of acid or a similarly corrosive substance onto the body of another with the intention to disfigure, torture, kill or otherwise incapacitate for criminal purposes." Crimes are manually reviewed for a Home Office return to determine if they meet this definition.
- Crime tree level 2 'violence against the person' and 'robbery' have been used to identify the 2 crime categories.

Year/Month	Count of Crimes	
	Violence Against the Person	Robbery
2021	6	3
2022	19	1
2023	20	1
Jan-24	0	0