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I write in connection with your request for information dated 14/12/2023, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

1. *How many people have been charged with a knife crime offence by your police force in the following years:*
2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023
2. *How many reports of knife crime offences have you had in your police force in the following years:*
2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023

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.

Crime Data:

- This data contains knife crimes as defined by the ADR 160 with a created date between 1st January 2018 and 19th 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 2018 count is null, and 2019 and 2023 are part years, therefore are not comparable to the other years of data.

Person Data:

- This data contains knife crimes as defined by the ADR 160 with an outcome date between 1st January 2018 and 19th 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 2018 count is null, and 2019 and 2023 are part years, therefore are not comparable to the other years of data.
- Charges have been defined by GMP person outcome 1A (charged)
- We are aware of an 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.
- There may be more than one offender attached to a crime. For this reason, the total number of offenders is not the same as the number of crimes. 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.

Reply

Year	Count of Crimes
2018	0
2019	2033
2020	3990
2021	4393
2022	4282
2023	2342

Year	Count of People Charged
2018	0
2019	142
2020	514
2021	398
2022	505
2023	395