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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/24/012694/V

I write in connection with your request for information dated 28/05/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I am submitting an FOI relating to all instances of crime at UK festivals. The festival in question is Parklife.

Please could I receive the following:

- 1. How many incidents were reported to police from the festival location?***
- 2. What was the nature of each report? (Drug misuse, theft from a person etc)***
- 3. How many of these incidents resulted in arrest?***

If possible please find across the last two years the festival has taken place with the dates listed as below for guidance.

2023 - 10th -11th June

2022 - 11th - 12th June

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.

Due to low numbers returned the totals per year have been merged together and some of the low totals have been replaced by 'X' as by providing all this information as you have requested would significantly increase the likelihood of identifying the individual(s) concerned, and as such the exemption under S40(2) – Personal Information, would be engaged and result in information being refused. By merging and replacing this data it can be provided in its entirety.

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 crime location description containing 'Heaton Park' and a created date between 10th June 2023 and 11th June 2023 and 11th June 2022 and 12th June 2022, excluding cancelled crimes. Further information about cancelled crimes can be obtained from the Home Office Counting Rules. There have been manually reviewed to only include those crimes that occurred at Heaton Park, and not to include locations such as 'Heaton Park Road', etc.
- Even though the crime location was Heaton Park and the crime was created on those dates does not necessarily mean the crimes occurred at Parklife festival.

Question 1 and 2

Crime	Count of Crimes
All other theft offences	9
Criminal damage and arson offences	X
Other Sexual Offences	X
Possession of drugs	10
Possession of weapon offences	6
Robbery of personal property	6
Theft from the person	50
Trafficking of drugs	20
Violence with injury	X
Violence without injury	5

Question 3

The total number of custody records linked to this search is 26.

Crime	Custody Record Total
Trafficking of drugs	15
Possession of weapon offence	5
Possession of drug offence	6
