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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/24/012549/N

I write in connection with your request for information dated 26/04/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Please could you provide information on the number of children under the age of 10, who were suspected of having committed crimes in Greater Manchester between 2020 and 2024?

Are you also able to detail the ages and offences they are suspected of having committed?

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 crimes with a created date between 1st January 2020 and 29th April 2024 where there was at least one suspect under 10 years old, excluding cancelled crimes. Further information about cancelled crimes can be obtained from the Home Office Counting Rules.
- 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, this is a manual process.
- The calculated age may be incorrect where the person date of birth has been recorded incorrectly, therefore some age results are incorrect e.g. -2.

Suspects age and crime type have been split from each other as by providing all this information together 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 splitting this data it can be provided in its entirety.

Year	Total
2020	492
2021	842
2022	1068
2023	1088
2024	257

Offence	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Criminal Damage & Arson Offences	45	79	90	81	24
Drug Offences	4	-	7	3	-
Fraud	-	3	2	5	-
Miscellaneous Crimes against Society	40	38	59	93	16
Possession of Weapon Offence	11	16	19	15	12
Public Order Offence	45	114	108	112	16
Robbery	1	-	3	8	-
Sexual Offence	115	180	212	253	53
Theft Offences	14	29	51	23	8
Violence against the Person	210	372	488	480	123
Blanks	7	11	29	15	5

Age	Total
-2	10
-1	63
0	81
1	22
2	12
3	41
4	98
5	178

6	318
7	564
8	924
9	1436