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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/013520/E

I write in connection with your request for information dated 22/10/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Please can you provide me the following information broken down by the following calendar years:

2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024 up until 30 September.

1) How many offences have been recorded by your force which have been committed by children aged under 10 (below the age of criminal responsibility)

2) A breakdown of the offences suspected to have been committed by children under the age of 10

3) A breakdown of the ages of suspects aged under 10 suspected of committing an offence

To be clear I am not asking for a breakdown of the age and offence together as I understand this would create a risk of identification. This information can be presented separately to avoid this.

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 01/01/2013 and 30/09/2024, excluding cancelled crimes. Further information about cancelled crimes can be obtained from the Home Office Counting Rules.
- Management of Police Information regulations state that non-essential records should be removed from police systems six financial years after the year in which they were originally created. This means that data that is more than six financial years old may be incomplete and should not be compared to more recent data.
- Some offences may only be available for part of this time period i.e. they may have started or stopped being used during this period.
- 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.
 - The calculated age may be incorrect where the person date of birth has been recorded incorrectly.
- There may be more than one suspect attached to a crime
- Suspects have been included even if no action has been taken against them e.g. eliminated, insufficient evidence, wanted.

Due to low numbers, some data for **question 3** has been replaced with X, as by providing all this information split by individual ages 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. In presenting this way, it can be provided in its entirety.

Question 1.

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Total number of offences	212	357	357	477	821	806	722	514	835	1032	1068	787

Question 2.

	2013	2014	2015	2016
Offences Committed	▪ Criminal damage and arson offences. ▪ Miscellaneous crimes against society	▪ Criminal damage and arson offences. ▪ Miscellaneous crimes against society	▪ Criminal damage and arson offences. ▪ Drug Offences ▪ Miscellaneous crimes	▪ Criminal damage and arson offences. ▪ Drug Offences ▪ Miscellaneous crimes

	▪ Possession of weapon offences ▪ Public order offences ▪ Sexual Offences ▪ Theft Offences ▪ Violence against the person	▪ Possession of weapon offences ▪ Public order offences ▪ Robbery ▪ Sexual Offences ▪ Theft Offences ▪ Violence against the person	- against society ▪ Possession of weapon offences ▪ Public order offences ▪ Robbery ▪ Sexual Offences ▪ Theft Offences ▪ Violence against the person	- against society ▪ Possession of weapon offences ▪ Public order offences ▪ Robbery ▪ Sexual Offences ▪ Theft Offences ▪ Violence against the person
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	2017	2018	2019	2020
Offences Committed	▪ Criminal damage and arson offences. ▪ Drug Offences ▪ Miscellaneous crimes against society ▪ Possession of weapon offences ▪ Public order offences ▪ Robbery ▪ Sexual Offences ▪ Theft Offences ▪ Violence against the person	▪ Criminal damage and arson offences. ▪ Drug Offences ▪ Miscellaneous crimes against society ▪ Possession of weapon offences ▪ Public order offences ▪ Robbery ▪ Sexual Offences ▪ Theft Offences ▪ Violence against the person	▪ Criminal damage and arson offences. ▪ Drug Offences ▪ Miscellaneous crimes against society ▪ Possession of weapon offences ▪ Public order offences ▪ Robbery ▪ Sexual Offences ▪ Theft Offences ▪ Violence against the person	▪ Criminal damage and arson offences. ▪ Drug Offences ▪ Miscellaneous crimes against society ▪ Possession of weapon offences ▪ Public order offences ▪ Robbery ▪ Sexual Offences ▪ Theft Offences ▪ Violence against the person

	2021	2022	2023	2024
Offences Committed	▪ Criminal damage and arson offences. ▪ Miscellaneous crimes against society	▪ Criminal damage and arson offences. ▪ Drug Offences ▪ Miscellaneous crimes against society	▪ Criminal damage and arson offences. ▪ Drug Offences ▪ Miscellaneous crimes against society	▪ Criminal damage and arson offences. ▪ Fraud ▪ Miscellaneous crimes against society

	▪ Possession of weapon offences ▪ Public order offences ▪ Sexual Offences ▪ Theft Offences ▪ Violence against the person	▪ Possession of weapon offences ▪ Public order offences ▪ Robbery ▪ Sexual Offences ▪ Theft Offences ▪ Violence against the person	▪ Possession of weapon offences ▪ Public order offences ▪ Robbery ▪ Sexual Offences ▪ Theft Offences ▪ Violence against the person	▪ Possession of weapon offences ▪ Public order offences ▪ Sexual Offences ▪ Theft Offences ▪ Violence against the person
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Question 3.

Year/Age	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Unknown	X	-	X	X	26	30	124	70	39	40	26	21
1	-	-	X	X	12	7	X	X	7	5	X	X
2	-	-	X	X	6	6	X	X	X	5	X	7
3	X	-	X	5	7	6	6	8	X	10	15	X
4	-	X	8	8	24	30	14	17	22	28	26	22
5	9	12	18	20	44	46	28	14	52	52	48	32
6	17	22	43	37	57	65	60	43	67	86	91	70
7	26	66	51	69	115	99	105	59	138	154	160	124
8	59	79	129	98	211	235	156	126	187	281	266	157
9	98	174	201	231	321	282	224	176	314	371	436	349

- **Please Note for the above data - The calculated age may be incorrect where the person date of birth has been recorded incorrectly.**
- **Age cannot be calculated where the crime committed date and/or person date of birth has not been recorded.**