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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/013521/F

I write in connection with your request for information dated 22/10/2024, I note you seek access to the following information:

For each of the years 2019-2024:

(a) The total number of reported spiking incidents, separated into each month of the five year period outlined above.

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police to locate information relevant to your request. I can confirm that the information you have requested is held by Greater Manchester Police.

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.

- The crime grand total is all the crimes counted based on the crime reference HO Codes below for the period 01/01/2019-30/09/2024

Class	Offence Category	Offence	Full HO Code
Violence Against The Person	8N Assault with injury	Administering poison with intent to injure or annoy	008/02
Violence Against The Person	5E Endangering Life	Using chloroform etc. to commit indictable offence	005/05

Violence Against The Person	5E Endangering Life	Administering poison so as to endanger life	005/10
Violence Against The Person	5E Endangering Life	Use of noxious substances or things to cause harm and intimidate	005/24

- The month relates to when the crime was recorded and not when the incident occurred.
- Where possible duplicates have been removed.

The information marked 'X' where the value is less than 5, has been exempted from disclosure under **Section 40(2) Personal Information** – this information constitutes personal data of an identifiable living individual, and to disclose this information would breach the principles of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018. Personal data is defined by Section 1 of the Data Protection Act 1998 and means data that relates to an individual who can be identified directly or indirectly from that data.

Data

	No. Spiking Crimes
2019	128
2020	90
2021	514
2022	615
2023	496
2024	463

2019	No. Spiking Crimes
Jan	12
Feb	8
Mar	13
Apr	8
May	17
Jun	15
Jul	9
Aug	8
Sep	13
Oct	12
Nov	6
Dec	7

2020	No. Spiking Crimes
Jan	8
Feb	12
Mar	10
Apr	X
May	X
Jun	6
Jul	8
Aug	7
Sep	X
Oct	11
Nov	9
Dec	10

2021	No. Spiking Crimes
Jan	8
Feb	14
Mar	9
Apr	9
May	17
Jun	23
Jul	16
Aug	30
Sep	41
Oct	119
Nov	145
Dec	83

2022	No. Spiking Crimes
Jan	65
Feb	67
Mar	46
Apr	48
May	58
Jun	46
Jul	51
Aug	42
Sep	41
Oct	61

Nov	48
Dec	42

2023	No. Spiking Crimes
Jan	39
Feb	24
Mar	32
Apr	47
May	31
Jun	22
Jul	38
Aug	46
Sep	43
Oct	57
Nov	51
Dec	66

2024	No. Spiking Crimes
Jan	42
Feb	56
Mar	51
Apr	49
May	64
Jun	43
Jul	37
Aug	47
Sep	74