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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/013656/T

I write in connection with your request for information dated 18/11/2024, I note you seek access to the following information:

1. *From the 1st January 2021 to the 1st November 2024 how many reports of drug use in schools did Greater Manchester Police receive.*

Please divide the data up into four categories - 1st January 2021 - 31st December 2021, 1st January 2022 - 31st December 2022, 1st January 2023 - 31st December 2023 and 1st January 2024 - 1st November 2024.

2. *If possible, I would also like information on what the drug(s) involved in each incident were.*
3. *Please also include how many of these reports led to confiscation of drugs.*

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 the crimes with HO Codes featured on the below table with the keywords 'school' or 'college' for the period 01/01/2021 - 01/11/2024.

Class	Offence	Full HO Code
Drug Offences	Having possession of a controlled drug - Cocaine	092/50
Drug Offences	Having possession of a controlled drug - Heroin	092/51
Drug Offences	Having possession of a controlled drug - LSD	092/52
Drug Offences	Having possession of a controlled drug - MDMA	092/53
Drug Offences	Having possession of a controlled drug - Crack	092/54
Drug Offences	Having possession of a controlled drug - Methadone	092/55
Drug Offences	Having possession of a controlled drug - Class A - Other	092/59
Drug Offences	Having possession of a controlled drug - Amphetamine	092/60
Drug Offences	Having possession of a controlled drug - cannabis	092/61
Drug Offences	Synthetic cannabinoid agonists	092/62
Drug Offences	Having possession of a controlled drug - Class B - Other	092/65
Drug Offences	Having possession of a controlled drug - Anabolic steroids. Possession is not an offence unless you wish to export or import the steroid without a license. It is also an offence if they are counterfeit.	092/67
Drug Offences	Having possession of a controlled drug - Class C- Other	092/68
Drug Offences	Having possession of a controlled drug - Class unspecified	092/69
Drug Offences	Having possession of a controlled drug - Crystal Meths	093/67
Drug Offences	Gamma-butyrolactone (GBL) and 1,4-butanediol (1,4-BD)	093/69
Drug Offences	Piperazines (including BZP)	093/70
Drug Offences	Having possession of a controlled drug - GHB	093/71
Drug Offences	Ketamine (Special K or Club 'horse' drug)	093/72
Drug Offences	Possession of a controlled drug - khat	093/74

- Each MO Description was considered to establish if the incident occurred on school premises.
- Where possible duplicates have been removed.
- The figures are inclusive of incidents where a teacher or other school employee are the Offender.
- For the volume of crimes where the Drugs have been confiscated, only those where the MO Description states they were either seized or confiscated have been included in the figures. It is highly likely that the actual volumes for this are higher.

Data

Part 1

	No. of Crimes involving Drugs in Schools
2021	39
2022	42
2023	45
2024	10

Part 2 - The information 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.

Part 3

	No. of Above Crimes where Drugs were Confiscated
2021	20
2022	19
2023	24
2024	7