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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/013251/C

I write in connection with your request for information dated 12/09/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

The number of narcotics/drug seizures and drug-related offences committed at Co-Op Live arena and Manchester Arena currently known as the AO Arena during the following years:

- 2024
- 2023
- 2022
- 2021
- 2020
- 2019

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 Home Office offence category "Drug Offences" with a created date between 01/01/2019 and 31/08/2024 and where the location description, location building or location house number contains 'co-op live', 'Manchester arena' or 'AO arena', excluding cancelled crimes. Further information about cancelled crimes can be obtained from the Home Office Counting Rules. Please note:

- The keyword methodology does not account for spelling errors.

- The appearance of the keywords in the text fields does not necessarily mean that records are relevant to this request.
- Some seizures may have taken place in the street; therefore the nearest landmark may have been listed for the location.
- Multiple items may have been seized per each seizure.
- Individuals may have committed more than one offence
- Co-Op Live arena returned No Information.
- No data was recorded for 2019.

Due to some low returned results, the total incidents and number of seizures have been merged as by providing all this information split by individual years 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 this data, it can be provided in its entirety.

Year	Total Incidents
2020 - 2024	15

Year	Total individual Seizures (Not Items)
2020 - 2024	17