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**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/24/013157/F**

I write in connection with your request for information dated 22/08/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

***Please can you provide total gun and knife crimes by financial year for City of Manchester, Oldham, Trafford and Salford dating as far back as possible (from 1990 onwards if recorded).***

***For each area please could you break down for Gun crime whether it was used as a threat, person was injured from a discharge, damage to property etc.***

***Please can the data be broken down for each ward, I understand that the ward boundary can change.***

**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 classified as 'knife crime' under the ADR 160 definition and 'firearm crimes' under the ADR 131 definition, excluding cancelled crimes. Further information about cancelled crimes can be obtained from the Home Office Counting Rules.
- The ADR 131 data starts in July 2019. The data for January to March 2023 is missing from this data set.
- Our ADR 160 data starts from July 2019.

Due to low numbers returned per beat, the data has been merged together into relevant districts as by providing all this information split by beat as you have requested would significantly increase the likelihood of identifying the individual(s) concerned, and as such the exemption under Section 40(2) – Personal Information, would be engaged and result in information being refused. By merging this data it can be provided in its entirety.

| <b>Knife Crime</b> | <b>2019/20</b> | <b>2020/21</b> | <b>2021/22</b> | <b>2022/23</b> | <b>2023/24</b> |
|--------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| City of Manchester | 1063           | 1070           | 1365           | 1437           | 1360           |
| Oldham             | 285            | 328            | 370            | 383            | 396            |
| Salford            | 267            | 425            | 399            | 510            | 462            |
| Trafford           | 194            | 245            | 248            | 208            | 198            |

Due to the low numbers returned, weapon usage description has been merged together as by providing the information broken down by year and district as requested would significantly increase the likelihood of identifying the individual(s) concerned, and as such the exemption under Section 40(2) – Personal Information, would be engaged and result in the information being refused. By merging the data and providing the breakdown by financial year only means it can be provided in its entirety.

| <b>Firearm Crime</b>                                                                                                        | <b>2019/20</b> | <b>2020/21</b> | <b>2021/22</b> | <b>2022/23</b> | <b>2023/24</b> |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| City of Manchester                                                                                                          | 113            | 131            | 169            | 109            | 150            |
| Oldham                                                                                                                      | 19             | 37             | 56             | 44             | 41             |
| Salford                                                                                                                     | 37             | 61             | 61             | 30             | 73             |
| Trafford                                                                                                                    | 19             | 19             | 19             | 7              | 22             |
| Fired causing injury to person                                                                                              | 27             | 51             | 44             | 27             | 72             |
| Fired causing property damage only                                                                                          | 21             | 32             | 13             | 13             | 21             |
| Fired, no injury or property damage                                                                                         | 27             | 26             | 42             | 53             | 80             |
| Used as a blunt instrument. This should only be used where the use as a blunt instrument was to cause an injury to a person | 5              | 11             | 13             | 7              | 4              |
| Used as a threat. This should be used if a firearm is used to threaten without being fired                                  | 108            | 128            | 193            | 90             | 109            |