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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/013243/C

I write in connection with your request for information dated 10/09/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

- 1. In the financial years, 2021/22, 22/23, 23/24 and 24/25 (Up to 10.09.24), how many instances of knife possession offences by women has been recorded by your force recorded? Please provide a breakdown by financial year.***
- 2. For the same financial years, how many of these women found to have committed a knife possession offence were under the age of 18? Please provide a breakdown by financial year.***
- 3. Please detail the youngest to have committed a knife possession offence in each financial year.***

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.

However, I am not obliged to supply all the information as an exemption applies.

However, Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires Greater Manchester Police, when refusing to provide such information (because this information is exempt) to provide you, the applicant, with a notice which: (a) states that fact, (b) specifies the exemption in question and (c) states (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies.

Question 3 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 2018 and means data that relates to an individual who can be identified directly or indirectly from that data.

Section 40 is an absolute exemption with no requirement to complete a public interest test.

Please see below information for questions 1 and 2.

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 01/04/2021 and 10/09/2024, excluding cancelled crimes, and a Home Office classification code of "10D", "Possession of an Article with a Blade or Point", where the offender is female. Further information about cancelled crimes can be obtained from the Home Office Counting Rules.

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.

Financial Year	Possession Offences	Offender under 18	Youngest Offender (age)
21/22	163	49	See Exemption Above
22/23	206	63	See Exemption Above
23/24	230	56	See Exemption Above
24/25	143	40	See Exemption Above