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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/013263/G

I write in connection with your request for information dated 13/09/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

- 1. *In the last 12 months, how many reports of weapons in schools did Manchester Police receive.***
- 2. *And how many of these reports turned out to be legitimate,***
- 3. *Please list all the variations of weapons which were discovered across all reports.***

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 with a created date between 01/09/2023 and 31/08/2024, where the HO 5 digit code is 008/00 (Having an article with a blade or point on school/further education premises); 008/28 (Possession of other offensive weapon on school/further education premises) or 008/63 (Threaten with an offensive weapon on school/further education premises) excluding cancelled crimes. Further information about cancelled crimes can be obtained from the Home Office Counting Rules.

1. 99
2. 93
3. See Below.

Art Knife	Barbering Blade	Blade	Bladed Article
Butter Knife	Butterfly Knife	Corkscrew	Craft Knife
Flick Knife	Flip Knife	Folding Knife	Hammer
Kitchen Knife	Knife	Knuckle Duster	Letter Opener
Lock Knife	Machete	Modified Perspex	Multitool
Pen Knife	Pole	Saw	Scissors
Screwdriver	Stanley Knife	Steak knife	