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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/25/014445/N

I write in connection with your request for information dated 20/03/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Please could you provide a list of the annual number of in-school knife-related incidents that police from your force have attended, for the last three years (2022, 2023, 2024), as well as a year-so-far number for 2025?

CLARIFICATION

Many thanks for getting back to me. I'm looking for incidents data. I'm only interested in knife/bladed object-related crimes, so 008/27 and 008/62. But if you select both of these codes, will the data be doubled? As in, are all 008/62 incidents automatically included in 008/27, because in order to threaten with a blade you of course need to have one in the first place. I don't want this to mean the data becomes accurate.

FURTHER CLARIFICATION

Yes, if you could separate them by code that would be brilliant.

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The total number of crimes, with a breakdown for those two codes, would be great.

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 01/01/2022 and 20/03/2025 where the HO 5-digit code is either '008/27 Having an article with a blade or point on school/further education premises' or '008/62 Threaten with a blade or sharply pointed article on school/further education premises', excluding cancelled crimes and crimes classified as fraud. Further information about cancelled crimes can be obtained from the Home Office Counting Rules. Details regarding fraud crime can be obtained by contacting the NFIB.

Year	008/27	008/62	Total
2022	119	20	139
2023	83	23	106
2024	71	20	91
2025	17	7	24
Total	290	70	360