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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/25/015346/P

I write in connection with your request for information dated 14/08/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request the following information relating to incidents involving disruptive airline passengers, recorded by your police force over the past 10 years:

- 1. The total number of recorded incidents involving disruptive airline passengers per year, for the past ten years (i.e., 2015–2024), broken down on a year-by-year basis to account for any variations due to the COVID-19 pandemic.*
- 2. Of those incidents, the number in which alcohol was identified or flagged as a contributing factor, again broken down annually.*
- 3. The number of disruptive passenger-related incidents that resulted in arrests, presented year by year.*

This request specifically relates to incidents at airports or onboard aircraft within your jurisdiction, or otherwise handled by your force under aviation or public order legislation.

CLARIFICATION

HO CODES

094/12

094/13

094/14

094/15

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.

- Part 1 contains crimes with a created date between 01/01/2015 and 31/12/2024, where the Home Office offence is either 094/12, 094/13, 094/14, or 094/15, 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.
- Part 2 contains the same data as part 1, but where the 'alcohol flag' equals 'Y'. The definition of the alcohol flag is 'any notifiable offence (crime) where it is perceived, by the victim or any other person, that the effects of alcohol consumption on the offender or victim was an aggravating factor'.
- Part 3 contains the same data as part 1 where there is an arrest linked on the system to those crimes.
- Management of Police Information regulations state that non-essential records should be removed from police systems six financial years after the year in which they were originally created. This means that data that is more than six financial years old may be incomplete and should not be compared to more recent data.
- The Home Office offences used only came into use part way through 2016 which is why there are no results for previous years.
- We are aware of a system issue that allows arrest records to be created without being linked to a crime record, where a crime has been created on the system for the same instance. This is incorrect and will affect reporting which relies on arrest and crime records being linked.

Part 1

Crime Created Year	Crime Volume
2017	20
2018	14
2019	34
2020	17
2021	14
2022	34
2023	57
2024	32

Part 2

Crime Created Year	Crime Volume
2017	8
2018	10
2019	21
2020	15
2021	11
2022	23
2023	41
2024	30

Part 3

Crime Created Year	Crime Volume
2017	1
2018	1
2019	1
2020	2
2021	5
2022	14
2023	26
2024	17