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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/25/014313/C

I write in connection with your request for information dated 27/02/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act. Could you please provide the number of stop and search operations involving children conducted by your police department in the past two years? Additionally, I would like to know the age distribution of the children involved in these operations.

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.

- The data supplied contains records for searches conducted between 01/01/2023 and 31/12/2024 where the calculated age was 17 and under.
- Age is calculated from recorded date of birth.
- The calculated age may be incorrect where the person date of birth has been recorded incorrectly.
 - There are known data quality issues with recorded date of birth fields.

Due to low numbers being returned, some of the totals have been replaced with X, as by providing all this information split by ages as you have requested would significantly increase the likelihood of identifying the individual(s) concerned, and as such the exemption under S40(2) – Personal

Information, would be engaged and result in information being refused. By replacing this data in this way, it can be provided in its entirety.

Age	Count
0	X
1	X
2	0
3	0
4	X
5	0
6	0
7	0
8	X
9	13
10	44
11	258
12	841
13	2,170
14	3,529
15	4,317
16	4,779
17	4,593
Total	20,558