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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/014342/H

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

- 1. The number of sexual assault or harassment offences reported in Central Manchester, specifically the Deansgate area (Commercial District area) and Picadilly where the sexual entertainment venues Whiskey Down, Obsessions and Victorias are located.**
- 2. Please can you provide a breakdown for 2022, 2023 & 2024.**
- 3. If there have been any issues with drugs, violence or assault or harassment where GMP have been involved at any of the above sexual entertainment venues.**

The Home Office codes that fit the type of offences I am referring to are 19D, 19C, 19F, 19G, 17A, 20A.1, 20A.2, 88D. Apologies, I couldn't find any codes for harassment.

- Clarification - Thank you for your response, please could question - The number of sexual assault/harassment offences reported refer to the following postcodes within the timeframe 2022, 2023 and 2024:**
- Obsessions: 2B Whitworth St W, Manchester M1 5WZ**
- Whiskey Down: 22 Lloyd St, Manchester M2 5WA**
- Victorias: 8 Dantzic St, Manchester M4 2AD**
- Please do search for all harassment offences as the Home Office does not have a sexual harassment code but I am specifically interested in any rape/sexual assault or sexual harassment that may occur near these venues if there is any way of disaggregating this information?**
- I am interested to know whether the police have attended any of the venues in relation to a prospective crime being committed. Be that drugs use or dealing, violence, harassment of staff or customers. So yes, recorded crime volumes for drug offences and violence with/without injury would count. As well as any other issues that come up that the police would be called to attend over the same time period as above.**

- *I am just trying to get a view as to how much crime/disorder is associated with these venues.*

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.

1. The crime totals are all crimes at the location broken down by category for the period 01/01/2022-31/12/2024.
2. The year relates to calendar Year Jan 1st to Dec 31st.
3. This is based on the date the crime was committed and not when it was recorded.
4. See exemption for breakdown on individual offences.

Venue	Total from 2022-2024
Obsessions M1 5WZ	5
Whiskey Down M2 5WA	9
Victoria's M4 2AD	6

Due to such low results, the offence outcomes have been listed without the total as by providing all this information split by individual offence 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 the data this way, it can be provided in its entirety.

Venue	List of recorded outcomes
Obsessions M1 5WZ	• Violence Without Injury - Common Assault/ Battery • Trafficking of Drugs - Possession with Intent to Supply
Whiskey Down M2 5WA	• Violence with Injury - Assault Occasioning ABH • Theft Offences • Violence Without Injury - Common Assault/ Battery • Violence with Injury - Non-fatal Strangulation • Criminal Damage/ Arson Offences
Victoria's M4 2AD	• Violence without Injury - Racially/ Religiously Aggravated Common Assault • Violence with Injury - Assault Occasioning ABH • Theft Offences

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Other Sexual Offences - Sexual Assault on a Female |
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