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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/014363/M

I write in connection with your request for information dated 07/03/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I would like to request the following data on corrosive offences between 1st January 2024 and 31st December 2024 inclusive in the Greater Manchester area.

- 1. The number of offences that were recorded as physical corrosive substance/fluid attacks against the person.***
- 2. The number of threats of corrosive substance/fluid attacks against the person.***
- 3. The age and gender of victims of the said offences mentioned in 1 and 2.***
- 4. The age and gender of suspects of the said offences mentioned in 1 and 2.***
- 5. Outcomes of physical corrosive substance attacks against the person.***
- 6. Outcomes of threats of corrosive substance attacks against the person.***

Clarification - Please include code 005/07, specifically "throwing corrosive fluids with intent to do grievous bodily harm"

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.

However, I am not obliged to supply all the information as an exemption applies.

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires Greater Manchester Police, when refusing to provide such information (because this information is exempt) to provide you, the applicant, with a notice which: (a) states that fact, (b) specifies the exemption in question and (c) states (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies.

Due to such low volumes, Victim Gender/Age and Suspect Gender/Age is exempt from disclosure under **Section 40(2) Personal Information** – this information constitutes personal data of an identifiable living individual/s, and to disclose this information would breach the principles of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018. Personal data is defined by Section 1 of the Data Protection Act 2018 and means data that relates to an individual who can be identified directly or indirectly from that data.

Section 40 is an absolute exemption with no requirement to complete a public interest test.

Please see the remaining data.

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 01/01/2024 and 31/12/2024 where the HO 5-digit code is '005/07', 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.

- Age has been calculated using the crime committed date and the person date of birth. Please note:
 - The crime committed date may be different to other dates e.g. reported or created.
 - The crime committed date may be recorded as a range where the crime occurred over a period of time or where it is not possible to say exactly when it occurred. In these cases, the first date in the range has been used for the calculation.
 - Age cannot be calculated where the crime committed date and/or person date of birth has not been recorded.
 - The calculated age may be incorrect where the person date of birth has been recorded incorrectly.
- There are crimes in this response with no victim attached. These may be state based crimes (which do not need a victim), crimes where the victim has not been identified, or they may be system errors.
- 1. The total number of offences recorded under "*Causing explosions, sending explosive substance or throwing corrosive fluids with intent to do grievous bodily harm*" is **13**.

Due to some low results, "outcomes" have been listed with no totals provided as by providing all this information split by individual offence outcome 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.

2. Out of the 13 recorded offences, the outcomes will have been one of the below.

Outcomes
Investigation Complete - No Suspect Identified (18)
Suspect Identified-Insufficient Evidence Police (15B)
Evidential Difficulties Victim Based - No Suspect Identified (14)
Decision Pending (98)