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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/24/013799/H

I write in connection with your request for information dated 11/12/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act, please can you send me the following information within 20 working days:

- 1. The number of occasions that Greater Manchester Police used force against subject perceived age at time of incident: under 11 years and subject perceived age at time of incident: 11-17 years in the year 2024.***
- 2. The number of occasions that Greater Manchester Police used force against subject perceived age at time of incident: under 11 years and subject perceived age at time of incident: 11-17 years in the year 2023.***
- 3. The number of occasions that Greater Manchester Police used force against subject perceived age at time of incident: under 11 years and subject perceived age at time of incident: 11-17 years in the year 2022.***
- 4. The number of occasions that Greater Manchester Police used force against subject perceived age at time of incident: under 11 years and subject perceived age at time of incident: 11-17 years in the year 2021.***
- 5. The number of occasions that Greater Manchester Police used force against subject perceived age at time of incident: under 11 years and subject perceived age at time of incident: 11-17 years in the year 2020.***
- 6. If you hold this information, please provide a breakdown of where these incidents occurred based on district level data.***
- 7. If you hold this information, please provide a breakdown of the ethnicities of those who experienced use of force from a police officer, including Gypsy, Roma and Travellers.***

The information I am requesting on use of force covers these tactics listed below:

- 1. Compliant handcuffing***

2. ***Non-compliant handcuffing***
3. ***Limb/body restraints***
4. ***Ground restraint***
5. ***Baton drawn***
6. ***Baton used***
7. ***Irritant spray drawn***
8. ***Irritant spray used***
9. ***Spit and bite guard***
10. ***Shield***
11. ***CED non-discharge***
12. ***CED discharge***
13. ***AEP drawn***
14. ***AEP used***
15. ***Firearms aimed***
16. ***Firearms fired***
17. ***Total other/improvised***
18. ***Dog deployed***
19. ***Dog bite***
20. ***Unarmed skills***

I am not seeking personal information that identifies those who have been arrested, just the details how many occasions force has been used against under 18s.

Please respond to me within 20 working days

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.

- Data has been supplied from 1st January 2020 to 30th November 2024
- In line with the Home Office guidance:
 - each officer reports their own personal use of force. In cases where more than one officer used force on the same individual, there should be one record per officer for the incident. The records of use of force represent these individual officer submissions, therefore they do not equate to the number of incidents where force was used, nor do they represent the number of individuals against whom force was used.
 - Incident data for designated public order incidents is not included in the counts.
 - The age information is the perceived age at the time of the incident and is recorded in ranges:
 - 0 - 10
 - 11 - 17
 - 18 - 34
 - 35 - 49
 - 50 – 64
 - 65 and over
 - For Question 7 the requestor does not specify the age ranges so I have included tables for the age ranges specified in questions 1-6

- Prior to the introduction of the new Use of Force recording app in March 2023, only officer perceived ethnicity was recorded. The categories for this did not include Gypsy, Roma and Travellers. These are recorded against designated categories:
 - Officer perceived ethnicity
 - White
 - Asian (or Asian British)
 - Chinese
 - Black (or Black British)
 - Mixed
 - Other
 - Don't know

Question 1 – 6

Perceived age under 11

District	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
City of Manchester	4	6	10	14	19
Rochdale	1	1	1	5	2
Oldham	3	2	4	4	6
Tameside	0	2	0	2	0
Trafford	1	6	3	7	1
Stockport	1	5	5	4	0
Salford	4	7	2	5	12
Wigan	1	3	6	12	12
Bolton	2	3	8	14	14
Bury	0	4	7	10	1
Airport	0	0	0	0	0
Outside GMP	0	0	0	0	0

Perceived age 11-17

District	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
City of Manchester	420	805	1388	1503	1522
Rochdale	110	228	365	371	311
Oldham	100	230	277	405	310
Tameside	67	315	443	371	310
Trafford	123	289	347	396	334
Stockport	128	246	372	417	448
Salford	185	400	521	444	367
Wigan	175	392	445	417	414
Bolton	137	410	682	639	565
Bury	124	298	557	573	416
Airport	1	7	35	36	21
Outside GMP	1	15	17	17	19

Question 7

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Perceived age under 11

Officer perceived Ethnicity	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
White	9	32	31	64	50
Asian (or Asian British)	3	1	1	3	6
Chinese	0	0	0	0	0
Black (or Black British)	0	3	6	6	7
Mixed	1	0	5	4	2
Other	1	0	1	0	2
Don't know	3	3	2	0	0

Perceived age 11-17

Officer perceived Ethnicity	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
White	1171	2743	3931	3927	3418
Asian (or Asian British)	115	250	425	491	472
Chinese	0	0	1	0	0
Black (or Black British)	182	395	730	757	788
Mixed	77	176	245	339	310
Other	10	30	49	52	49
Don't know	16	41	68	23	0