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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/013801/K

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

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Many, many thanks for your response, and for the attached letter.

Please may I clarify here, I am requesting data - not for Prosecutions - but for the number of crimes which were closed under the following:

*"the total number of notifiable offences, finalised as Outcome 17:
Suspect identified but prosecution time limit expired, where an offence subject to Limitation of Proceedings
was the principal crime that would have been charged."*

I now understand that Outcome 17 was only created in 2014, thus the initial request figures for the last 20 years in not possible. Therefore, it would be figures dating back to 2014 (by year, if possible) that I would be requesting, please. My apologies, I didn't previously know the name of the Outcome - Namely, Outcome 17 - I was requesting (I have since learned of this from other Forces).

Clarification - Yes, I'm requesting the total number of Type 17 Outcomes each year (between 2014 and 2024).

If we may use the date of the Outcome for this, please.

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.

- This data contains closed crimes with an outcome date between 1st January 2014 and 12th December 2024 and an outcome of 17, excluding cancelled crimes. Further information about cancelled crimes can be obtained from the Home Office Counting Rules.
- 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.

Crime Outcome: Year	Crime Count
2014	64
2015	108
2016	159
2017	370
2018	449
2019	523
2020	632
2021	1177
2022	1917
2023	1347
2024	1257