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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/013904/L

I write in connection with your request for information dated 06/01/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I require some information on squatting incidents [REDACTED].

If possible could you provide me with the following information:

1. Statistics on how many reports you have received in the last 2-3 years of squatters, or relating squatting incidents. It is not required to go into depth on what the incident was but a rough number would be appreciated.

2. Statistics on which areas the reported incidents took place within Greater Manchester.

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 incidents with a created date between 01/01/2022 and 31/12/2024 where the title, details or contact comments contains 'squatter' and 'squatting', excluding incidents with a closing code of L10 Duplicate, L19 Error or L22 Test or training. Please note:

- The keyword methodology does not account for spelling errors.
- The appearance of the keywords in the text fields does not necessarily mean that records are relevant to this request

District	Count		
	2022	2023	2024
City of Manchester North	21	20	36
City of Manchester Central	29	28	31
City of Manchester South	21	31	44
Salford	27	25	29
Tameside	8	13	18
Stockport	12	10	18
Bolton	44	42	33
Wigan	32	38	25
Trafford	9	13	6
Bury	2	12	9
Rochdale	11	17	10
Oldham	23	28	22