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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/014866/E

I write in connection with your request for information dated 02/06/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information:

For each of the past ten years (2015-2025) what is the number of attempted burglary reports involving use of a blowtorch?

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police (GMP) to locate information relevant to your request. I can confirm that the information you have 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 crimes with a created date between 1st January 2015 and 31st December 2024 where the crime description or crime MO description contains 'blowtorch', 'blow torch', or 'blow-torch', and is classified as one of the following Home Office classifications, 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.

- 28J Attempted Residential Burglary of a Home

- 28L Attempted Distraction Burglary - Residential (Home)
- 28N Attempted Residential Burglary of Unconnected Building
- 28P Attempted Distraction Burglary - Residential (Unconnected Building)
- 30D Attempted Business and Community Burglary

Please note the keyword methodology does not account for spelling errors.

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.

- 2023 – 12
- 2024 – 9

No information is held for other years.