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Our ref: FOI/25/015141/E

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/25/015141/E

I write in connection with your request for information dated 18/07/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

How many weapons were seized/recovered from:

- a) stop and searches,***
- b) searches requiring a warrant,***
- c) imports from customs,***
- d) amnesties***
- e) weapon sweeps***

during the most recent Operation Sceptre campaign, held 19-25 May?

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.

Activity	Number	Arrests	Of which knife related	Number of knives recovered
Stop & Search (any powers)	493	57	15	7 Knives & 1 Gun
Direct Arrests	223	322	34	19
Searches inc warrants & S18 linked to knife crime	28	7	7	12 Knives & Firearms found.

Please note the following:

C. Imports from customs – N/A as this is handled business as usual.

D. Amnesties – No information held about the number of weapons deposited in bins during Operation Sceptre. For information about the number of weapons recovered by amnesty vans you will need to submit a request to the Home Office.

E. Weapon Sweeps – No information held. We are not required to record this data for Operation Sceptre.

Please see the following link for further details:

[322 people arrested and 19 knives taken off the streets in latest crackdown | Greater Manchester Police](#)