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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/25/014871/B

I write in connection with your request for information dated 03/06/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

For each calendar year from 2019, including 2025 to date:

- 1. The number of offences that were categorised as an acid attack or corrosive fluid offence, broken down by month.***
- 2. The number of offences mentioned in question 1 that were recorded as Violent Offences within the category 'Violence Against the Person'.***
- 3. The number of threats of acid attacks/corrosive fluid attacks against the person, broken down by month.***
- 4. The ethnicity, age and gender of victims of the offences mentioned in question 1, broken down by calendar year.***
- 5. The ethnicity, age and gender of victims of the offences mentioned in question 2, broken down by calendar year.***
- 6. The ethnicity, age and gender of victims of the offences mentioned in question 3, broken down by calendar year.***
- 7. The ethnicity, age and gender of suspects of the offences mentioned in question 1, broken down by calendar year.***
- 8. The ethnicity, age and gender of suspects of the offences mentioned in question 2, broken down by calendar year.***
- 9. The ethnicity, age and gender of suspects of the offences mentioned in question 3, broken down by calendar year.***
- 10. Outcomes of the offences mentioned in 1, broken down by calendar year.***
- 11. Outcomes of the offences mentioned in 2, broken down by calendar year.***
- 12. Outcomes of the offences mentioned in 3, broken down by calendar year.***

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.

- 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.
- This data contains crimes defined by the ADR 190 'offences involving corrosive substances' with a created date between 1st January 2019 and 2nd June 2025, 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.
- A crime outcome of 'Missing Value' means that the investigation is ongoing and an outcome has not yet been applied.
- Age has been calculated using the crime committed date and the person date of birth. Please note:
 - The crime committed date may be different to other dates e.g. reported or created.
 - The crime committed date may be recorded as a range where the crime occurred over a period of time or where it is not possible to say exactly when it occurred. In these cases, the first date in the range has been used for the calculation.
 - Age cannot be calculated where the crime committed date and/or person date of birth has not been recorded.
 - The calculated age may be incorrect where the person date of birth has been recorded incorrectly.
- There may be more than one suspect attached to a crime. Suspects may be attached to more than one crime during this time period.
- A person may be a suspect on a crime and a victim on another crime within this dataset.
- Suspects have been included even if no action has been taken against them e.g. eliminated, insufficient evidence, wanted.
- There are crimes on our system with no victim attached. These may be state based crimes (which do not need a victim), crimes where the victim has not been identified, or they may be system errors.
- We are aware of a system issue that allows more than one victim to be attached to a crime, which is incorrect as stated in the Home Office Counting Rules.

For question 1 and 2, due to low numbers returned per month, the totals have been merged together as by providing all this information split by month as you have requested would significantly increase the likelihood of identifying the individual(s) concerned, and as such the exemption under S40(2) – Personal Information, would be engaged and result in information being refused. By merging this data it can be provided in its entirety.

Question 1

Year	Total
2019	8
2020	12
2021	9

2022	20
2023	20
2024	19
2025	8

Question 2

Year	Total of Violence Against the Person
2019	8
2020	12
2021	6
2022	19
2023	19
2024	19
2025	8

Question 3

No information held - GMP cannot answer question 3 as we only collect data on offences involving corrosive substances where the substance was used, not where threats were made.

Question 4 – Victim Data

Due to low numbers returned per year, the victim breakdown has been merged together as by providing all this information split by year and breakdown as you have requested would significantly increase the likelihood of identifying the individual(s) concerned, and as such the exemption under S40(2) – Personal Information, would be engaged and result in information being refused. By merging this data it can be provided in its entirety.

Gender	Total
Female	34
Male	61
Missing Value	1

Self-Declared Ethnicity	Total
Asian - Any Other Asian Background	4
Asian – Indian	1
Black - African	2
Mixed - Any Other Mixed Background	1
Mixed - White and Black Caribbean	2
Not provided/stated	31
Other - Any Other Ethnic Group	1
White - Any Other White Background	1
White – British	44
Blank	9

Age Bracket	Total
10 – 15	5
16 – 20	8
21 – 25	14
26 – 30	18
31 – 35	8
36 – 40	9
41 – 45	12
46 – 50	10
51 – 55	4
56 – 60	3
61+	3
Blank	2

Question 5 – Victim Data

Gender	Total
Female	33
Male	57
Missing Value	1

Self-Declared Ethnicity	Total
Asian - Any Other Asian Background	4
Asian – Indian	0
Black - African	2
Mixed - Any Other Mixed Background	1
Mixed - White and Black Caribbean	2
Not provided/stated	31
Other - Any Other Ethnic Group	1
White - Any Other White Background	1
White – British	41
Blank	8

Age Bracket	Total
10 – 15	5
16 – 20	7
21 – 25	14
26 – 30	17
31 – 35	7
36 – 40	8
41 – 45	12
46 – 50	10
51 – 55	3
56 – 60	3
61 +	3
Blank	2

Question 6

No information held. Please refer to question 3.

Question 7 – Offender Data

Due to low numbers returned per year, the offender breakdown has been merged together as by providing all this information split by year as you have requested would significantly increase the likelihood of identifying the individual(s) concerned, and as such the exemption under S40(2) – Personal Information, would be engaged and result in information being refused. By merging this data it can be provided in its entirety.

Gender	Total
Female	23
Male	76
Missing Value	33

Self-Declared Ethnicity	Total
Asian - Any Other Asian Background	7
Asian – Indian	3
Asian - Pakistani	3
Black - African	5
Black - Any Other Black Background	3
Black - Caribbean	1
Mixed - Any Other Mixed Background	0
Mixed - White and Black Caribbean	1
Not provided/stated	29
Other - Any Other Ethnic Group	1
White - Any Other White Background	0
White – British	45
Blank	34

Age Bracket	Total
10 – 15	8
16 – 20	21
21 – 25	15
26 – 30	15
31 – 35	6
36 – 40	10
41 – 45	4
46 – 50	6
51 – 55	10
56 – 60	3
61 +	1
Blank	33

Question 8 – Offender Data

Gender	Total
Female	23
Male	73
Missing Value	29

Self-Declared Ethnicity	Total
Asian - Any Other Asian Background	7
Asian – Indian	3
Asian - Pakistani	3
Black - African	5
Black - Any Other Black Background	3
Black - Caribbean	1
Mixed - Any Other Mixed Background	0
Mixed - White and Black Caribbean	1
Not provided/stated	28
Other - Any Other Ethnic Group	1
White - Any Other White Background	0
White – British	43
Blank	30

Age Bracket	Total
10 – 15	8
16 – 20	20
21 – 25	15
26 – 30	14
31 – 35	5
36 – 40	10
41 – 45	4
46 – 50	6
51 – 55	10
56 – 60	3
61 +	1
Blank	29

Question 9

No information held. Please refer to question 3.

Question 10

Outcome	Total
Charged/Summonsed	18
Charged/Summonsed Alternative Offence	12

Evidential Difficulties Victim Based – Named suspect not identified: The crime is confirmed but the victim either declines/ or is unable to support further police investigation to identify the offender.	9
Investigation Complete: No suspect identified. Crime investigated as far as reasonably possible –Case closed pending further investigative opportunities becoming available	15
Missing Value	16
Named Suspect identified: evidential difficulties prevent further action; victim does not support (or has withdrawn support from) police action.	26
Named Suspect identified: victim supports police action but evidential difficulties prevent further action.	35
Prosecution time limit expired: Suspect identified but prosecution time limit has expired.	1

Question 11

Outcome	Total
Charged/Summoned	18
Charged/Summoned Alternative Offence	12
Evidential Difficulties Victim Based – Named suspect not identified: The crime is confirmed but the victim either declines/ or is unable to support further police investigation to identify the offender.	7
Investigation Complete: No suspect identified. Crime investigated as far as reasonably possible –Case closed pending further investigative opportunities becoming available	15
Missing Value	16
Named Suspect identified: evidential difficulties prevent further action; victim does not support (or has withdrawn support from) police action.	24
Named Suspect identified: victim supports police action but evidential difficulties prevent further action.	32
Prosecution time limit expired: Suspect identified but prosecution time limit has expired.	1

Question 12

No information held. Please refer to question 3.