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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/014809/V

I write in connection with your request for information dated 21/05/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Please can you tell me how many times the following methods of force were deployed by this force against people aged 65+, disaggregating the data by exact age and by the years 2022, 2023 and 2024.

- 1. CED/Taser**
- 2. Firearms**
- 3. Spit and bite guard**
- 4. Irritant spray - PAVA and CS**
- 5. AEP**
- 6. Baton**
- 7. Dog bite**

Ideally the information will be provided in a spreadsheet for each year with the first column being the type of force and the following columns being the ages of those affected. Please let me know if you need clarification/ an illustration of what I require.

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.

However, I am not obliged to supply all the information as an exemption applies.

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires Greater Manchester Police, when refusing to provide such information (because this information is exempt) to provide you, the applicant, with a notice which: (a) states that fact, (b) specifies the exemption in question and (c) states (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies.

“The ages of those affected” have been exempted from disclosure under **Section 40(2) Personal Information** – this information constitutes personal data of an identifiable living individual/s, and to disclose this information would breach the principles of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018. Personal data is defined by Section 1 of the Data Protection Act 2018 and means data that relates to an individual who can be identified directly or indirectly from that data.

Section 40 is an absolute exemption with no requirement to complete a public interest test.

Caveats –

- Data provided is for the years 2022/2023/2024.
- The data is for “**methods of force**” on ages 65+.
- Data held relating to taser and firearms does not distinguish between those that were drawn and those that were fired, as the data is not held in that format for records older than the last 30,000, of which these results fall under.

TACTICS	2022	2023	2024
Dog Deployed	1	1	0
Dog Bite	1	0	0
Baton drawn	1	0	1
Baton used	1	0	0
PAVA drawn	0	2	0
PAVA used	0	3	2
Spit & bit Guard	0	3	1
CED Taser	0	12	6
Firearms	0	1	2
AEP (baton gun) drawn	0	0	0
AEP (baton gun used)	0	0	0

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