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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/014380/N

I write in connection with your request for information dated 10/03/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Please can I request under the Freedom of Information Act the following information recorded in your force area:

- 1) Number of violent crimes recorded in schools in the calendar year 2024.*
- 2) Number of knife crimes recorded in schools in the calendar year 2024.*
- 3) Number of knife crimes with injury recorded in schools in the calendar year 2024.*

I also note your clarification, provided on 13/03/2025:

Query 1 - searching for schools

Is it possible to pull out firstly the offences with the optional field of 'school' filled in (not any of the others please), and then conduct a keyword search by address but omitting those already found by the optional field of 'school' (to avoid double counting)?

If so, please can I request offences with either the optional field of 'school' filled in OR one of the following keywords in the address:

'school' 'primary' 'infant' 'junior' 'secondary' 'grammar' 'academy' 'CofE' 'C of E' 'pupil referral' 'learning hub' 'learning centre' 'PRU'.

If it is not possible to do this, please choose whichever of the 'optional field' approach or keyword approach that yields the greatest number of results.

Part 1 Query

Please use Home Office classification 064/01 and 065/00

Part 3 query

Yes, I am content for you to provide figures for offences where the offence type would involve an injury, e.g. violence with injury, ABH, GBH, attempted murder etc.

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.

Part 1

This data contains crimes with a created date in 2024 where the crime was classified as one of the following and either the MO keyword 'school' was selected or 'school', 'primary', 'infant', 'junior', 'secondary', 'grammar', 'academy', 'CofE', 'C of E', 'pupil referral', 'learning hub', 'learning centre', or 'PRU' appeared in either the crime location description, building, or custom text fields, 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.

- Crime tree level 2 = 'violence against the person' or
- Crime tree level 2 = 'possession of weapon offences' or
- Crime tree level 2 = 'robbery' or
- Home Office offence 066/01 'affray', 064/01 'riot', or 065/00 'violent disorder'

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- Some crimes do not have an address because e.g. the address has been recorded in a non-standard format or as map coordinates.

Please note:

- The address recorded may not be where the crime happened e.g. where the crime happened in the street and the address was used as a reference point.

The MO keywords are not mandatory and may not be completed.

Schools may have policies that allow crimes to be resolved without being reported to the police. This means that this data may not reflect the total number of crimes that occurred in schools.

Part 2

This data contains crimes with a created date in 2024 where the crime is defined as a knife crime by the definition of ADR 160 and either the MO keyword 'school' was selected or 'school', 'primary', 'infant', 'junior', 'secondary', 'grammar', 'academy', 'CofE', 'C of E', 'pupil referral', 'learning hub', 'learning centre', or 'PRU' appeared in either the crime location description, building, or custom text fields, 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.

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1. 4,241
2. 112
3. 35