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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/25/015725/W

I write in connection with your request for information dated 24/10/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Q1 - How many people have been arrested in Greater Manchester in the year between September 2024 and September 2025 under the Vagrancy Act?

Q2 - What proportion of these people were from the following ethnic groups: Asian or Asian British; Black, Black British, Caribbean or African; Mixed or multiple ethnic groups; White; or Other ethnic groups?

Q3 - How many children under 18 been arrested in Greater Manchester under the Vagrancy Act?

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police (GMP) to locate the requested information. I can confirm the information requested is held by GMP.

Caveats:

Arrest data has been searched using the below codes for the period requested.

- 1.) Begging and wandering abroad (section 3 Vagrancy Act 1824) CJS Code: VG24003;
- 2.) Begging and wandering abroad - second/subsequent occasion (section 3 Vagrancy Act 1824) CJS Code: VG24015;
- 3.) Begging in a public place (section 3 Vagrancy Act 1824) CJS Code: VG24005;
- 4.) Begging in a public place - second or subsequent occasion (section 3 Vagrancy Act 1824) CJS Code: VG24013;

- 5.) Gather/collect alms/charitable donations by false pretence/fraud (section 4 Vagrancy Act 1824) CJS Code: VG24021;
- 6.) Lodging in a barn/outhouse/unoccupied building/open air (section 4 Vagrancy Act 1824) CJS Code: VG24017;
- 7.) Persistently beg in a public place (second or subsequent offence) (section 3 Vagrancy Act 1824) CJS Code: VG24047;
- 8.) Vagrant - being found in or upon enclosed premises (section 4 Vagrancy Act 1824) CJS Code: VG24018.

Question 1 – 86 arrests

Question 2

Police Defined Ethnicity	Total
Asian	1
Black	9
Middle Eastern	1
White - North European	71
White - South European	4

Question 3 – Zero.

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