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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/015819/B

I write in connection with your request for information dated 10/11/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I would like to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act.

1. Please tell me how many crimes were committed on pharmacy or chemist premises in each of the following years:

- a) 2024/2025
- b) 2023/2024
- c) 2022/2023

2. Please break the data in question 1. down for the different classifications of crime as stated by the Home Office for each of the following three years:

- a) 2024/2025
- b) 2023/2024
- c) 2022/2023

3. If not included in the response to question 2, please specify how many crimes involved

- Theft
- Shoplifting
- Burglary
- Violence against the person
- Racism

Please provide the data for each of the following three years:

- a) 2024/2025
- b) 2023/2024
- c) 2022/2023

I understand under the Act that you have 20 working days to respond. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries or issues with this request.

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.

This data contains crimes with a created date between 01/04/2022 and 31/03/2025 where the MO subcategory key word is 'chemist', 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.

Analysis has suggested that GMP recorded hate crimes may be higher than the numbers reported. This appears to be owing to inconsistency in the use of hate crime flags and qualifiers on the recording system. As such we would advise caution in interpreting the level of hate crime reported. We are reassured that all crimes are being recorded, but some may not be flagged as hate which may affect counts and any analysis conducted on this data.

The crimes flagged for racial hate will also be included in the other tables figures, which is why they have been included in a separate table.

MO keywords are only available for **new and migrated crimes**.

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

- There may be relevant records missing from our response where this field has not been completed.
- As these are optional fields, an increase or decrease in crime volume where these fields are part of the filtering may not indicate a true increase or decrease of the volume of these crimes but may reflect a change in usage of this field.

Crime tree level four	2022/2023	2023/2024	2024/2025	Total
All other theft offences	18	21	12	51
Bicycle theft	1	0	0	1
Business and community burglary	7	9	18	34
Criminal damage and arson offences	6	10	3	19
Miscellaneous crimes against society	11	7	14	32
Other sexual offences	1	0	1	2
Possession of weapon offences	1	0	1	2
Public order offences	49	30	44	123
Robbery of business property	3	8	2	13
Shoplifting	190	163	219	572
Stalking and harassment	5	1	6	12
Theft from the person	6	1	1	8
Vehicle offences	0	2	0	2
Violence with injury	3	2	3	8
Violence without injury	10	4	19	33
Total	311	258	343	912

Crime tree level two	2022/2023	2023/2024	2024/2025	Total
Criminal damage and arson offences	6	10	3	19
Miscellaneous crimes against society	11	7	14	32
Possession of weapon offences	1	0	1	2
Public order offences	49	30	44	123
Robbery	3	8	2	13
Sexual offences	1	0	1	2
Theft offences	222	196	250	668
Violence against the person	18	7	28	53
Total	311	258	343	912

Flag	2022/2023	2023/2024	2024/2025	Total
Racial hate flag	6	1	9	16