

Date: 19th September 2025
Our ref: FOI/25/015352/N

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/25/015352/N

I write in connection with your request for information dated 15/08/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I am writing to ask for your help with the below FOI request, pertaining to data that we believe your force will hold.

For the purpose of this request, the time frames to be considered are:

*April 2020 - 31 March 2021,
April 2021 - 31 March 2022,
April 2022 - 31 March 2023,
April 2023 - 31 March 2024,
April 2024 - 31 March 2025*

*Broken down by the above timeframes, how many people aged 65 and over have been arrested on possession of a bladed article or offensive weapon?
Of those number, please can you detail how many of these arrests were of males and how many were females?*

**CLARIFICATION
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and

CJ88153

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.

Date	Total number of arrests
April 2020 - 31 March 2021	6
April 2021 - 31 March 2022	3
April 2022 - 31 March 2023	6
April 2023 - 31 March 2024	17
April 2024 - 31 March 2025	12

Due to the low numbers returned per year, whether the individual arrested was male or female has been split from the year as by providing all this information together 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 splitting this data it can be provided in its entirety.

Total of 38 males and 6 females.
