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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/015421/J

I write in connection with your request for information dated 01/09/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Please provide the total number of offences recorded as having an article with a blade or point in a public place (008/26; Criminal Justice Act 1988, s.139) between 1 January 2023 and 31 January 2024.

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 01/01/2023 and 31/01/2024 with the HO 5 digit code '008/26', 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.

There are 1,238 crimes for that offence code between 01/01/2023 and 31/01/2024.