Information Access Unit
Information Management and Data Directorate

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/017154/M

I write in connection with your request for information dated 30/06/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Would it be possible to filter arson offences from criminal damage please?

By year rather than by month will be fine if that makes the task simpler.

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.

This data contains arson offence crimes with a created date between 01/01/2022 and 01/04/2026 where 'Petrol Station' is an MO keyword and the outcome is outcome one of 1,2,3,4,6,7 or 8, excluding cancelled crimes and crimes classified as non-counting 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.

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.

Some recorded crimes without a solved outcome may still be ongoing investigations.

2022: 2 arson crimes recorded, 0 with a solved outcome.
2023: 6 arson crimes recorded, 0 with a solved outcome.
2024: 3 arson crimes recorded, 1 with a solved outcome.
2025: 4 arson crimes recorded, 1 with a solved outcome.
2026: 0 arson crimes recorded.