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I write in connection with your request for information dated 10/08/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act, please can you provide me the following information for the following years: 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025.

- 1) How many crimes have been recorded by your force which are suspected to have been committed by children aged under 10 (below the age of criminal responsibility)***
- 2) A breakdown of the crimes suspected to have been committed by children aged under 10 (below the age of criminal responsibility)***
- 3) A breakdown of ages and genders of suspects aged under 10 (below the age of criminal responsibility) associated with committing crimes***

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 1st January 2015 and 31st December 2025 where there was at least one offender under 10 years old, excluding cancelled crimes. 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.

Age has been calculated using the crime committed date and the person date of birth. Please note:

- The crime committed date may be different to other dates e.g. reported or created.
- The crime committed date may be recorded as a range where the crime occurred over a period of time or where it is not possible to say exactly when it occurred. In these cases, the first date in the range has been used for the calculation.
- Age cannot be calculated where the crime committed date and/or person date of birth has not been recorded.
- The calculated age may be inaccurate if the individual's date of birth has been recorded incorrectly. Consequently, the age should not be relied upon for reporting, analysis, or comparative purposes.
- Due to some low results, any results lower than 5 have been replaced with X as by providing all this information split as you have requested 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 replacing the data this way, it can be provided in its entirety.

Question 1.

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Question 2.

Crime Latest Classification : Crime Tree Level Four	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
All other theft offences	X	10	14	6	9	X	11	13	8	16	20
Bicycle theft	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	0	X	0
Burglary in a building other than a dwelling	11	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Burglary in a dwelling	0	X	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Business and community burglary	0	0	5	X	X	0	X	7	X	X	X
Criminal damage and arson offences	98	79	79	91	53	43	79	93	82	106	91
Miscellaneous crimes against society	15	13	22	24	18	40	35	59	92	43	20
Other sexual offences	68	99	155	165	124	66	132	157	176	180	177
Possession of drugs	X	X	X	X	X	X	0	X	X	0	0
Possession of weapon offences	6	9	11	5	15	9	15	19	15	39	38
Public order offences	46	36	82	123	64	44	113	104	113	64	84
Rape	23	35	67	75	57	46	43	52	81	60	60

Residential burglary	0	0	X	X	X	0	0	6	X	X	X
Robbery of business property	0	0	0	0	X	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery of personal property	X	X	6	6	X	X	0	X	8	X	5
Shoplifting	34	13	18	6	X	X	7	11	7	9	6
Stalking and harassment	X	9	15	28	39	27	98	127	130	141	150
Theft from the person	0	0	0	X	0	X	X	X	0	X	X
Trafficking of drugs	0	X	0	0	0	0	0	X	0	0	0
Vehicle offences	X	0	X	X	0	0	0	7	X	0	X
Violence with injury	76	65	104	77	67	49	87	114	106	117	150
Violence without injury	67	90	207	161	147	121	176	226	239	272	352

Question 3.

Age	Male	Female	Unknown	Missing Value
1	36	9	4	1
2	31	12	2	0
3	55	23	3	1
4	170	47	11	0
5	320	95	14	2
6	544	198	18	1
7	1027	268	45	9
8	1665	495	89	7
9	2518	808	102	14