

Date: 19/01/2026
Our ref: 01/FOI/25/016002/Y

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/016002/Y

I write in connection with your request for information dated 15/12/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I am doing a peer led session on knife crime in college. I am looking for all up to date Information about knife crime and stats and police operations to combat it.

detailed stats and information on knife crime and type of offences.

Clarification -

The information I'm after is anything to do with knife crime really.

- 1. How many stops and searches resulted in finding a bladed article?***
- 2. How many youths was arrested for carrying a bladed article?***
- 3. What are the stats for each district?***
- 4. Information on operation venture and their results this year.***

And yes, please from January 2025 to the most current time.

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.

- For part 1, we looked for stop and search records with stop date between 1st January 2025 and 15th December 2025, where the 'Weapon Found Flag' is Y and 'Weapon Found Description' field is 'Bladed Article'.

- For part 3, we looked at crimes with crime created date between 1st January 2025 and 15th December 2025, where the crimes have been identified as crimes that fall into the definition as per the Home Office ADR 160 for offences involving knives for shar instruments.
1. 923.
 2. 37 under 18's.
 3. Please see the table below.
 4. Please find below from Jan 2025 – Dec 2025. - Please note: Op Venture started recording house searches and the value of drugs recovered from July 2025.
 - Total Number of Hours: 14679
 - Arrests: 318
 - Juvenile Stop Searches: 149
 - Adult Stop Searches: 647
 - Positive Stop Searches: 402
 - Weapon Seizures: 115
 - Weapon Sweeps: 103
 - Intelligence Submissions: 449
 - Disruption Visits: 27
 - Vehicle Seizures: 207
 - Partnership Referrals: 123
 - Cash Seized: £739790
 - House Searches: 66
 - Drugs Recovered (Approx Value): £403475

Table for question 3.

District	Total
CoM North	420
CoM Central	485
CoM South	361
Salford	415
Tameside	236
Oldham	364
Rochdale	264
Trafford	186
Stockport	296
Bury	199
Manchester Airport	3
Bolton	412
Wigan	315
Unknown	1