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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/016258/P

I write in connection with your request for information dated 28/01/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I've been instructed to produce a Crime Impact Statement as part of an outline planning application for a proposed residential development on land south of Wigan Road, Westhoughton, Bolton. The site lies within the Westhoughton South neighbourhood policing area and also borders the Hindley neighbourhood policing area.

Can I please ask you to provide the crime types and numbers of recorded crimes between January 1st 2023 and 31st December 2025 for both local policing areas. Would it also be possible to break the data down so each year is shown separately please, in a separate table for each policing area?

Any issues then please let me know.

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 within crime location beat 'K3G1 – Westhoughton South', with a created date between 1st January 2023 and 31st December 2025 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.

- We are aware of various system issues affecting **committed at locations for new and migrated crimes** (see below for details) These issues mean that data for a specific location may include crimes that did not happen in that location and/or exclude crimes that did.
 - Some crimes do not have a beat code, which means that they cannot be mapped to other geographies e.g. districts.
 - Some crimes have an incorrect beat code, which means that they are mapped to the wrong geographies.
 - Some crimes do not have an address because e.g. the address has been recorded in a non-standard format or as map coordinates.

Due to some low results, some data supplied has been replaced with X as by providing all this information 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.

Volume of Crimes by Crime Tree Level 4 and Created Year	2023	2024	2025
All other theft offences	52	39	34
Bicycle theft	X	X	X
Business and community burglary	5	8	9
Criminal damage and arson offences	70	44	55
Death or serious injury caused by unlawful driving	0	0	0
Homicide	0	0	0
Miscellaneous crimes against society	20	16	21
Other sexual offences	14	19	14
Possession of drugs	5	11	18
Possession of weapon offences	6	6	14
Public order offences	83	78	70
Rape	8	8	7
Residential burglary	11	14	19
Robbery of business property	X	X	X
Robbery of personal property	5	5	X
Shoplifting	44	32	16
Stalking and harassment	136	117	110
Theft from the person	7	X	X
Trafficking of drugs	7	7	10
Vehicle offences	35	25	22
Violence with injury	57	90	77
Violence without injury	126	139	113