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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/015192/P

I write in connection with your request for information dated 24/07/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I submit this request for specific information regarding the stop and search data in the Greater Manchester Police area of responsibility. The information being sought relates to the datasets gathered by various public safety bodies in your area. This information is sought under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA 2000). We are requesting the following data for the year 2024:

1. *How many stop and search encounters took place in Greater Manchester?*
2. *How many police officers were present at every encounter?*
3. *In addition to data for question 2, please provide data sorted by grounds, object and purpose of the search, legal power used, police outcome, action taken/sanction (if applicable), offence (if applicable), as well as the gender, age and ethnicity of the person stop and searched.*

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.

The data supplied contains records for stop and searches between 1st January 2024 and 31st December 2024.

- 'Age' is calculated from the recorded date of birth and the stop date.
- Individual records that show zero for age are a recording issue, and negative one (-1) are a vehicle search.
- Officers record 'Object of Search' and 'Power Used' by selecting from a set list.
- Officers record 'Self_Defined_Ethnicity (SDE)' and 'Ethnic Appearance' (or officer-defined ethnicity (ODE)) by selecting from a set list.
- Known TEST and DUPLICATE records have been removed from the dataset.

Please note that action taken/sanction is the same as 'Outcome', thus a categorised 'Reason For Arrest' is provided instead.

Categorised 'Reason For Arrest' is also provided in place of offence, as we cannot systematically link Stop and Search encounters with Crime records.

Please see the attached spreadsheet.