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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/015894/M

I write in connection with your request for information dated 21/11/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Hello, I am a student at Bolton university. I need to get information on cannabis crime in Bolton for a news article. I need information on

- 1. Arrest rates, as in how many have been convicted due to cannabis dealing***
- 2. Cannabis quantity seized so far in 2025***
- 3. the amount of users clarified as being users by the police***
- 4. Has the police force had any funding to tackle the cannabis problem***
- 5. The amount of contraband seized, e.g ounces of cannabis.***
- 6. is there an initiative to apprehend dealing in Bolton.***

I need data from this year and last year

The article is focusing on the cannabis problem in Bolton. Please let me know if there is any information that you can provide to help me with my course.

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.

1. GMP do not hold prosecution or conviction data as this is held by His Majesty's Courts and Tribunal Service (HMCTS). Please apply directly to HMCTS for such data.
2. Data for this FOI is not recorded in a way to know the quantity of cannabis seized as each seizure is booked in by the OIC and is reliant on them recording exactly what has been seized such as 1 bag of cannabis, 2 bags etc. Some results are recorded under multiple/several bags of cannabis seized. I can, however, advise that in the time frame requested 907 separate seizures of varying amounts have been recorded.

3. No information held/invalid FOI question.
4. No.
5. No information held – possibly S12
6. Yes, all these operations focus on drug dealing and ASB.