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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/015996/R

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

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please provide the total number of offences recorded as Unauthorised possession in prison of knife or offensive weapon (Prison Act 1952, s.40CA) between 1 January 2023 and 1 December 2025.

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 '1 January 2023' and '1 December 2025' under the Home office 5-digit code '069/06' excluding cancelled crimes. Further information about cancelled crimes can be obtained from the Home Office Counting Rules.

There are 142 crimes on our system recorded under offence 069/06 'unauthorised possession in prison of knife or offensive weapon' with created date between 01/01/2023 and 01/12/2025.