

Friday, 10 July 2026

Our ref: 01/FOI/26/017113/D

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/017113/D

I write in connection with your request for information dated 22/06/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

1. Please provide the number of offences recorded by your force under each of the following HO Codes, for each of the last three financial years (2023/24), (2024/25) and (2025/26):

HO code 008/27 – Having an article with a blade or point on school/further education premises

HO code 008/28 – Possession of other offensive weapon on school/further education premises

HO code 008/62 – Threaten with a blade or sharply pointed article on school/further education premises

HO code 008/63 – Threaten with an offensive weapon on school/further education premises

2. For the 2025/26 time period, please also provide a breakdown of the type of weapon or article involved in each recorded offence (for example, kitchen knife, lock knife, machete, replica firearm, or other specified item), to the extent this is held in a structured or readily retrievable format.

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police to locate information relevant to your request. I can confirm that the information you have requested is held by Greater Manchester Police.

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 April 2023' and '30 April 2026' under the Home Office 5-digit codes '008/27', '008/28', '008/62', '008/63' excluding cancelled crimes. Further information about cancelled crimes can be obtained from the Home Office Counting Rules.
- Part 2 data have been manually collated from 'Crime Description' and 'Crime MO Description' which entered by officers during 2025/26 period.

Data

1.

Crime Volume	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
008/27	79	73	85
008/28	14	10	9
008/62	26	21	23
008/63	5	1	3

2. 2025/26

Type of weapon	Count
Adapted pen top with pin attached	1
Axe	1
Balisong training knives	1
Blade from a pencil sharpener	1
Bladed article	8
Box cutter	2
Bread knife	1
Butter knife	6
Cardboard cutter	2
Craft knife	1
Cutlery knife	2
Flick knife	4
Hacksaw	1
Homemade bladed weapon	1
Karambit knife	1
Kitchen knife	13
Knife	37
Knuckle duster	1
Machetes	1
Makeshift knife	1
Pen knife	3
Plastic knife	1
Pocket knife	2
Pointed article	1

Razor blade	1
Retractable blade	1
Rolling pin	1
Scissors	3
Screwdriver	2
Sharpened pointed objects	1
Sharpened ruler	1
Stanley blades	6
Steak knife	5
Swiss army knife	1
Tweezers	4
Wooden knives	1
Total	120