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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/25/015895/N

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

I am requesting the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 for your police force area.

Please provide the information below for the period from commencement of section 78 of the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 to the most recent date for which figures are available, in relation to protests, demonstrations, vigils and other public assemblies.

A. PCSC Act 2022 section 78 and related conspiracy offences

For arrests made under:

- ***Section 78 PCSC Act 2022 – “Intentionally or recklessly causing public nuisance”; and***
- ***Any related conspiracy offences, including but not limited to:***
 - o ***Conspiracy to cause public nuisance***
 - o ***Conspiracy to interfere with key national infrastructure***
 - o ***Conspiracy to commit criminal damage***

For each of the above, please state (where held):

1. ***Total number of arrests.***
2. ***Number of suspects charged directly by the police (without CPS charging decision).***
3. ***Number of cases referred to the CPS for a charging decision.***
4. ***Number of suspects charged following CPS authorisation.***
5. ***Number of prosecutions resulting in conviction (if known to the force).***
6. ***Number of prosecutions resulting in acquittal (if known to the force).***
7. ***Where possible, please specify the statutory provisions used for the conspiracy charges (e.g. common law conspiracy to cause public nuisance, or specific statutory conspiracy offences).***

B. Equality-monitoring data

For the arrests listed above, please provide aggregate equality-monitoring data (where recorded), broken down by:

- ***Sex***

- **Age group**
- **Ethnicity**
- **Religion or belief**
- **Disability**

If some of these fields are not recorded or not extractable within the appropriate cost limit, please provide what is available and indicate any gaps.

If no such arrests have been made, please confirm this.

If information is not held in a readily retrievable format for the whole period, please provide data for whatever period is available and state from which date reliable recording is possible.

If any part of my request is likely to exceed the cost limit, please advise how I could refine it to bring it within the limit.

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police (GMP) to locate the requested information. I can confirm the information requested is held by GMP.

In the last 12 months there has been a total of 13 arrests for 'Intentionally/Recklessly Cause a Public Nuisance'. All 13 arrests were Police Charged Decisions.

Female	1
Male	12

Adults	12
Child	1

Asian	4
White British	9

GMP do not hold conviction data. For data about convictions and prosecutions you will need to redirect your request to the Courts.