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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/016331/H

I write in connection with your request for information dated 06/02/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Number of recorded knife & other sharp instrument crimes in Stockport and Macclesfield in 2023, 2024 and 2025

Number of recorded homicides involving a knife or other sharp instrument in Stockport and Macclesfield in 2023, 2024 and 2025

Number of recorded knife & other sharp instrument crimes in Stockport and Macclesfield in 2023, 2024 and 2025 with a victim or offender aged under 25.

This is for a case study and educational workshops

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 some of 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.

This data contains knife crimes defined by the ADR 160 with a created date between 01 Jan 2023 and 31 Dec 2025 where the crime district is Stockport, excluding cancelled crimes and

crimes classified as fraud. Further information about cancelled crimes can be obtained from the Home Office Counting Rules. Details regarding fraud crime can be obtained by contacting the NFIB.

Age has been calculated using the crime committed date and the person date of birth. Please note:

- The crime committed date may be different to other dates e.g. reported or created.
- The crime committed date may be recorded as a range where the crime occurred over a period of time or where it is not possible to say exactly when it occurred. In these cases, the first date in the range has been used for the calculation.
- Age cannot be calculated where the crime committed date and/or person date of birth has not been recorded.
- The calculated age may be incorrect where the person date of birth has been recorded incorrectly.

There may be more than one suspect attached to a crime. For this reason, the number of rows in the spreadsheet is not the same as the number of crimes. Suspects may be attached to more than one crime during this time period, which means that the data cannot be used to identify the number of unique suspects.

Suspects have been included even if no action has been taken against them e.g. eliminated, insufficient evidence, wanted.

There are crimes in this response with no victim attached. These may be state based crimes (which do not need a victim), crimes where the victim has not been identified, or they may be recording errors.

We are aware of an issue with our crime recording system that allows more than one victim to be attached to a crime, which is incorrect as stated in the Home Office Counting Rules.

Regarding knife crime in Stockport, we can provide the following:

Measure	2023	2024	2025	Total
All knife crime	243	348	310	901
Victim <25	85	148	132	365
Offender <25	52	101	69	222

There have been no recorded homicides in Stockport within your specified date range that involved a knife.

No information is held by GMP relating to crime in Macclesfield because Macclesfield is not in Greater Manchester. Please contact Cheshire Police for this information.