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I write in connection with your request for information dated 18/02/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I would be grateful if you could provide the following information for the following areas; Wigan Central Wigan West Standish with Langtree Tyldesley Winstanley Worsley Mesnes.

for the years 2023, 2024 and 2025:

- 1. The number of recorded knife and other sharp instrument crimes***
- 2. The number of recorded homicides involving a knife or other sharp instrument***
- 3. The number of recorded knife and other sharp instrument crimes where either the victim or the offender was aged under 25***
- 4. The number of recorded assault or rape or sexual assault offences involving a knife or other sharp instrument where both the victim and the offender were aged between 10 and 25***

This data will be used to support community awareness, prevention work, and evidence based discussions with local partners.

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.

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 recorded beats are L1I1, L1I2 (Wigan Central); L1F1 (Wigan West); L1H1 (Standish with Langtree); L2Z1 (Tyldsley); L1D1 (Winstanley) or L1C1 (Worsley Messes), 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.
- 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 system errors.
- We are aware of a system issue that allows more than one victim to be attached to a crime, which is incorrect as stated in the Home Office Counting Rules.

Question 1

Volume of knife crimes	Worsley Mesnes	Winstanley	Wigan West	Standish with Langtree	Whitley, Swinley and Marylebone	Wigan Wallgate and Bull Hey	Tyldsley
2023	13	3	14	2	24	29	13
2024	9	10	9	9	15	20	21
2025	10	3	14	6	16	16	10

Question 2

Recorded Homicides where the method of homicide was a sharp instrument, occurring in requested areas, for the years 2023, 2024 & 2025.

Total 2

Question 3

Volume of knife crimes where there is at least one victim or offender aged under 25 at time of crime	Worsley Mesnes	Winstanley	Wigan West	Standish with Langtree	Whitley, Swinley and Marylebone	Wigan Wallgate and Bull Hey	Tyldesley
2023	6	1	2	1	8	18	7
2024	2	5	3	5	4	12	11
2025	2	3	4	3	5	7	6

Question 4

Total – Zero.

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