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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/26/016712/Q

I write in connection with your request for information dated 15/04/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

To whom it may concern,

1) For the (i) 2024/25 and (ii) 2025/26 financial year please state how many juveniles (children aged UNDER 18) you arrested on suspicion of having committed a firearms offence.

2) For the (i) 2024/25 and (ii) 2025/26 financial year please provide a grid showing the number of arrests for each individual age from 10 to 17 inclusive.

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.

The following general caveat applies to this response: 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. Any data provided for this request is subject to change as crimes are progressed and/or updated.

Management of Police Information regulations state that non-essential records should be removed from police systems six financial years after the year in which they were originally created. This means that data that is more than six financial years old may be incomplete and should not be compared to more recent data.

I have conducted a search through all custody records for all juveniles arrested between 01/04/2024 – 31/03/2026. I have selected parameters 'Offence Classification – Offence Title' and 'Offence Classification - CJSSS Code'. From this list I have then filtered the CJSSS Code for arrests under the:

- Firearms Act 1968
- Firearms (Amendment) Act 1988
- Firearms (Amendment) Act 1997

Year	Total
2024/25	62
2025/26	36

Age	2024/25	2025/26
11	0	1
12	1	2
13	4	5
14	8	3
15	10	5
16	15	8
17	24	12

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