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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/017391/X

I write in connection with your request for information dated 05/08/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Please provide me with the following information under the Freedom of Information Act.

1. *How many arrests were made in your police force area related to the drug known as 'monkey dust' (a synthetic cathinone called MDPV - Methylenedioxypyrovalerone) in the years 2023-25 (broken down per year) and 2026 to date?*
2. *How many drug seizures were carried out?*
 - a) *How much in £ was this worth/amount to?*

If this is carried out by searching crime records with specific words, you can use the words "monkey dust" or "MDPV" or "Methylenedioxypyrovalerone".

Could I have this per calendar year if possible, if not financial year or whichever 12-month reporting period is most easily accessible would be great.

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 the information you have requested is held by GMP.

CAVEATS

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.

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 - a. N/A