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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/26/017426/R

I write in connection with your request for information dated 10/08/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Dear GMP - Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 with reference to the following FOI and list of dance schools at the bottom of the email can the searches be conducted.

Please note the information sought is in relation to present day crimes and not historical.

Violent and sexual offences at dance premises, including dance school, dance schools, dance academy/academies etc 2025/2026

1, How many alleged violent offences and sexual offences, (including breakdown) have been recorded as crimes, on dance premises (including dance school, dance academy etc) in 2025/2026? List provided below.

2, How many alleged violent offences and sexual offences, (including breakdown) have been recorded as crimes, on dance premises (including dance school, dance academy etc) in which the victim was aged under 18 (breakdown of age if possible) in 2025/2026? List provided below.

3, How many alleged violent offences and sexual offences, (including breakdown) have been recorded as crimes, on dance premises (including dance school, dance academy etc) in which the perpetrator was over 18 in 2025/2026? List provided below.

4. Is there any more information in relation to the perpetrator in terms of profession (ie Dance coach, dance principle, dance school owner etc)? List provided below.

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5, How many alleged violent offences and sexual offences, (including breakdown) have been recorded as crimes, on dance premises (including dance school, dance academy etc) in 2024/2025? List provided below.

6, How many alleged violent offences and sexual offences, (including breakdown) have been recorded as crimes, on dance premises (including dance school, dance academy etc) in which the victim was aged under 18 (breakdown of age if possible) in 2024/2025? List provided below.

7, How many alleged violent offences and sexual offences, (including breakdown) have been recorded as crimes, on dance premises (including dance school, dance academy etc) in which the perpetrator was over 18 in 2024/2025? List provided below.

8. Is there any more information in relation to the perpetrator in terms of profession (ie Dance coach, dance principle, dance school owner etc)? List provided below.

Violent and sexual offences at dance premises, including dance school, dance schools, dance academy/academies etc 2023/2024

9, How many alleged violent offences and sexual offences, (including breakdown) have been recorded as crimes, on dance premises (including dance school, dance academy etc) in 2023/2024? List provided below.

10, How many alleged violent offences and sexual offences, (including breakdown) have been recorded as crimes, on dance premises (including dance school, dance academy etc) in which the victim was aged under 18 (breakdown of age if possible) in 2023/2024? List provided below.

11, How many alleged violent offences and sexual offences, (including breakdown) have been recorded as crimes, on dance premises (including dance school, dance academy etc) in which the perpetrator was over 18 in 2023/2024? List provided below.

12. Is there any more information in relation to the perpetrator in terms of profession (ie Dance coach, dance principle, dance school owner etc)? List provided below.

- **Northern Ballet School / Performers College Manchester (Manchester City Centre)**
- **Elmhurst Ballet School - Manchester Centre (Manchester Regional Associates) [1]**

City of Manchester

- **KNT Danceworks (City Centre)**
- **South Manchester Dance School (South Manchester)**
- **Studio 25 (Northern Quarter)**
- **Shana Keeler's School of Dance (Wythenshawe)**
- **GFFDamian Dance Studio (City Centre)**
- **Salsa Freedom Manchester (City Centre)**
- **Dance Studio Manchester (City Centre)**
- **Manchester Dance Centre (Manchester)**
- **Michelle Louise School of Dance (Wythenshawe)**

City of Salford

- **Studio Dance Academy (Salford)**
- **The Danceworks (Eccles)**

Trafford

- **Steppin Out Dance Centre (Stretford)**
- **Cadmans Dance Centre (Sale)**
- **The Edge Dance Centre (Urmston)**
- **Apple Dance Centre (Altrincham)**

Stockport

- **Stalder Academy of Dance (Broadstone Mill)**
- **Sophie Dee School of Dance (Marple)**

- **Natalie Woods School of Theatre & Dance (Stockport) [1]**
- Tameside**
- **MCR Dance and Cheer Academy (Ashton-under-Lyne)**
 - **The Nicholson Academy of Performing Arts (Denton)**
- Oldham**
- **Alyson Livesey Academy of Dance & Drama (Oldham)**
 - **Anne Finnegan Theatre School (Oldham) [1]**
- Bury**
- **Step Together School of Dance (Bury/Whitefield)**
 - **Bates Stage Academy (Bury)**
- Bolton, Rochdale, & Wigan**
- **Capriole Academy of Dance**
 - **Parkfield Dance Centre**
 - **Topaz Dance**

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 for Victim Data:

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.

1. The data is all recorded crimes where one of the locations listed in the 'Keywords' tab is contained within either the 'Location: Building' or 'Crime MO Description' field, for each financial year specified.
2. The data only relates to 'present day' crimes: crimes where the 'committed date' is within 5 years of the 'crime created' date.
3. Please note that the data is based on the date the crime was recorded, not the date the crime was committed.
4. Age refers to the age of the victim at the time the crime was committed.
5. Please note that the data includes offences where the location has been recorded as '15 metres from named location' etc, as this will cover offences that occurred in the car park for example.
6. Duplicates have been removed where possible.
7. The total number of crimes will be the figures in Table 1. This is because even if there are multiple victims of one crime event, they will each have their own crime reference number, whereas crimes with multiple offenders will be listed against the same crime number. There may also be crimes where the offender is unknown. So, the most accurate figure of total crimes will come from the total victims in this instance.

Keywords Searched
KNT Danceworks (City Centre)
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Manchester Dance Centre (Manchester)
Michelle Louise School of Dance (Wythenshawe)
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Bates Stage Academy (Bury)
Studio 25 (Northern Quarter)

Due to the low numbers returned per year, the information provided has been merged together as by providing all this information split by year with the breakdown you have requested would significantly increase the likelihood of identifying the individual(s) concerned, and as such the exemption under S40(2) – Personal Information, would be engaged and result in information being refused. By merging this data, it can be provided in its entirety.

Victim Data

Offence Type	Grand Total
Business and community burglary	2
Criminal damage and arson offences	3
Public order offences	2
Stalking and harassment	1
Theft from the person	1
Vehicle offences	1
Violence with injury	1
Violence without injury	1
Grand Total	12

Age Bracket	Grand Total
Under 18	0
18-25	2
26-35	0
36-45	2
46-55	3
56-65	2
65+	0
Unknown	3
Grand Total	12

Offender Data

Caveats for Offender Data:

1. The data is all recorded crimes where one of the locations listed in the 'Keywords' tab is contained within either the 'Location: Building' or 'Crime MO Description' field, for each financial year specified.
2. The data only relates to 'present day' crimes: crimes where the 'committed date' is within 5 years of the 'crime created' date.
3. Please note that the above data is based on the date the crime was recorded, not the date the crime was committed.
4. Age refers to the age of the offender at the time the crime was committed.
5. Duplicates have been removed where possible.
6. 'Unknown' refers to where the field was either left blank or the data read 'unknown' or 'not stated'.

Offence Type	Grand Total
Business and community burglary	0
Criminal damage and arson offences	1
Public order offences	1
Stalking and harassment	1
Theft from the person	0
Vehicle offences	0
Violence with injury	1
Violence without injury	0
Grand Total	4

Age Bracket	Grand Total
Under 18	1
18-25	0
26-35	1
36-45	1
46-55	1
56-65	0
65+	0
Unknown	0
Grand Total	4

Occupation	Grand Total
Unknown	4