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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/017499/I

I write in connection with your request for information dated 21/08/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would be grateful if you could provide the following information for your police force:

For each calendar year from 2021 to 2025, please provide the total number of arrests involving an offence relating to ketamine possession, supply or production recorded by your force.

If readily available, please also provide a breakdown of these arrests by age, specifically:

- ***Under 18***
- ***18–24***
- ***25 and over***

Please provide the figures separately for each calendar year.

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police (GMP) to locate the requested information and I can confirm the information requested is held by GMP.

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.

Due to some low results per age per year, the ages have been merged together and provided for the full duration from 2021/2025 as by providing all this information split by individual years as 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 replacing the data this way, it can be provided in its entirety.

Age	Total
Under 18	15
18 -24	169
25 +	156