



GMMA-MIC Report 2024/5

For GMMA Annual General Meeting
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Greater Manchester Magistrates in the Community (GM MIC)

We are:

- Active and retired Magistrates from across Greater Manchester Bench
- Magistrates Association Members

Our aims:

- To increase awareness of the role of the Magistracy and CJS in our Community
- To engage with young people across GM to help them make better choices within the law.



Our Year in Numbers: GM MIC activity is up 24%



2023/24



197
workshops



8,650 contacts



*25 Volunteer
presenters



2024/25



245 workshops



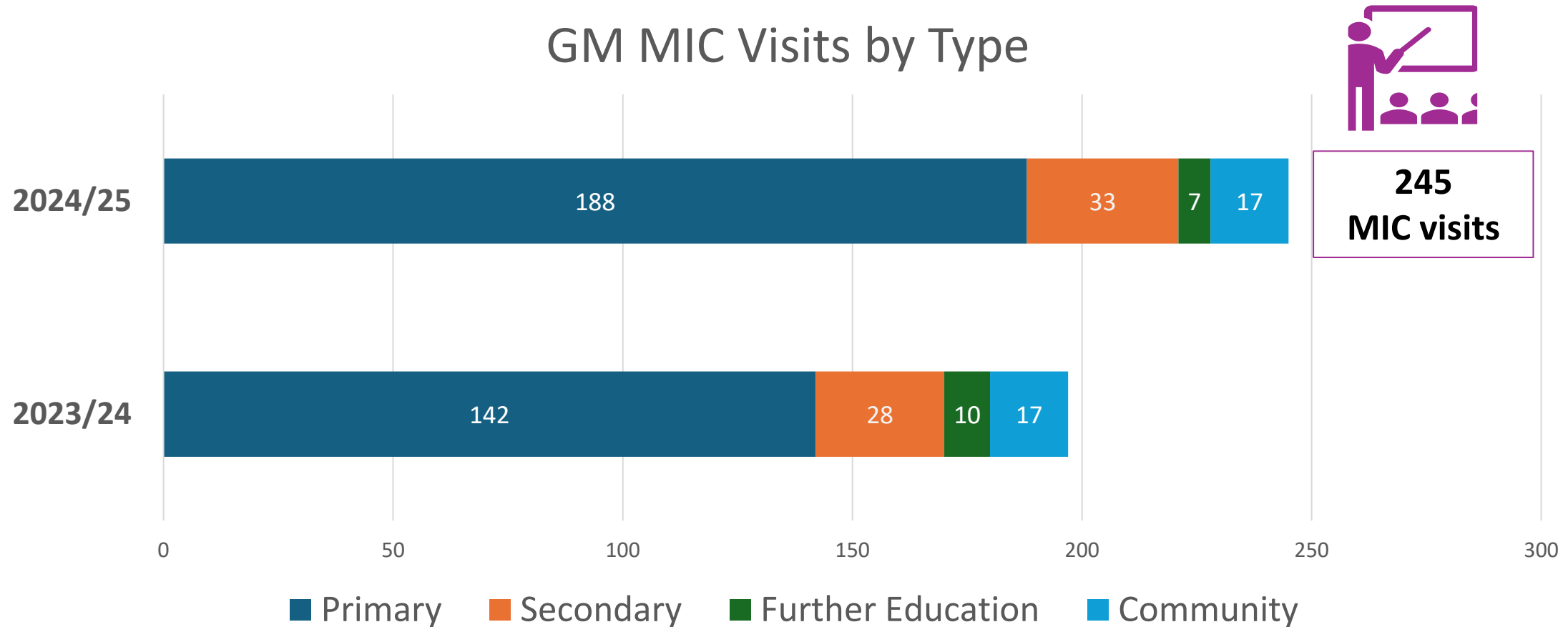
11,419 contacts



Recipients of
King's Award '24

90% of GM MIC workshops are with primary and secondary school children

GM MIC Visits by Type



GM MIC Workshops Conducted by Borough (Sep 24 – Aug 25)

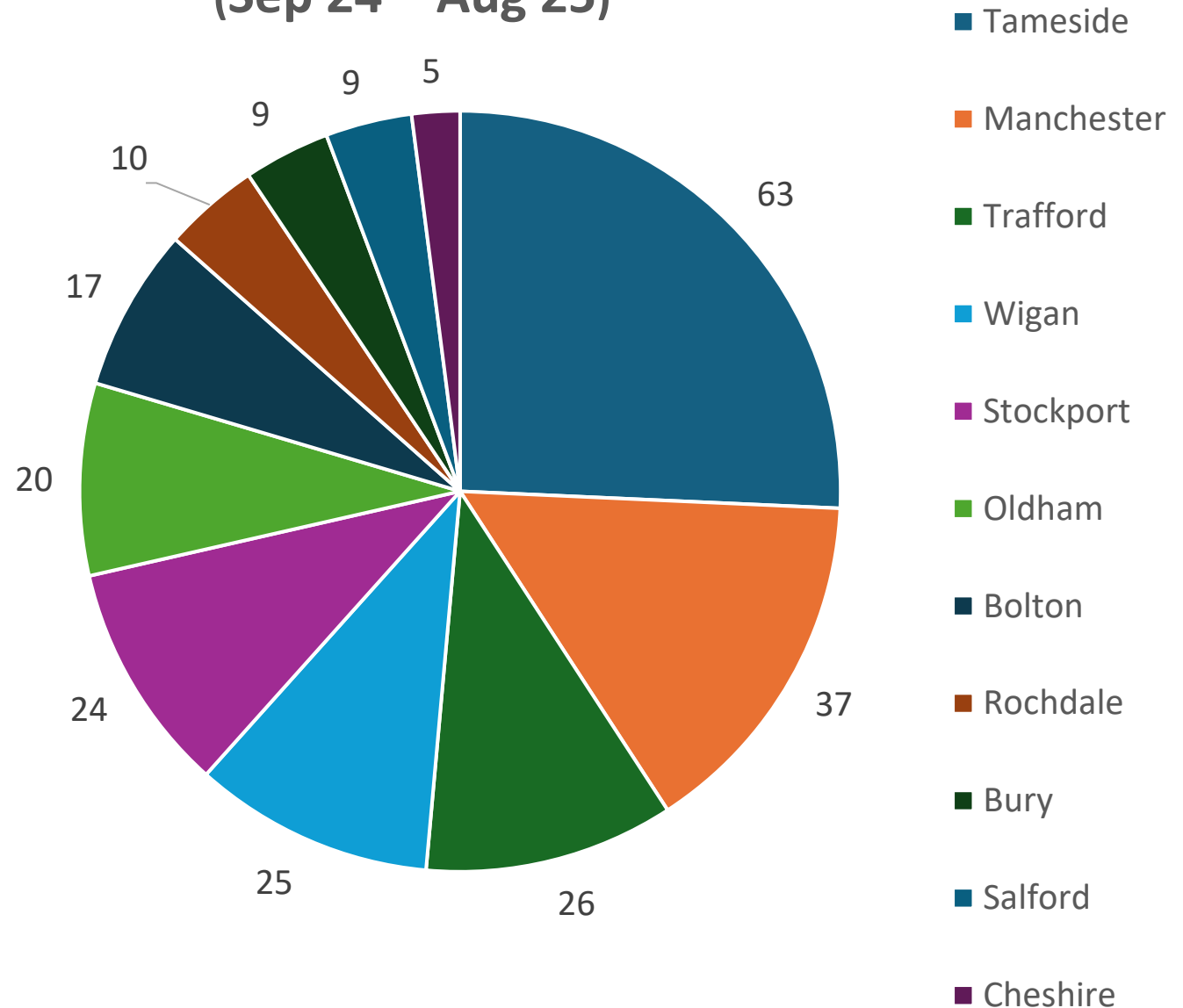
GM MIC active in all 10 boroughs

GM MIC most active in Tameside,
- 1/4 of all visits

Significant inroads made in
Manchester – Wythenshawe

Strong relationships in Trafford,
Wigan, Stockport, Oldham and
Bolton primary schools

New MIC volunteer secured to
lead in Rochdale and Salford



Resources developed in topical areas by GMMA MIC

Intro to the Magistracy and the CJS

- Interactive quiz – all ages

Cyberbullying: Workshop/Mock Trial

- Aimed at Year 5 - 7

Knives: Choices & Consequences & Youth Mock Trial

- Aimed at Year 7 – 11
- Joint workshop with StreetDoctors

Drugs: Choices & Consequences workshop

- Designed for Year 12/13
- Focus on drug driving



GMMA Year 6 Mock Trial Competition - 2025



Thanks for the opportunity for our children today. They loved it! It's opportunities like this that might just make that difference in the life chances of our children"

Head Teacher, Button Lane Primary, Wythenshawe

10 GM BOROUGHs

34 PRIMARY SCHOOLS

5 LOCAL HEATS – CYBERBULLYING

1 ANNUAL FINAL – POSSESSION KNIFE

6 PARTNER AGENCIES

GMMA MIC Knife Crime Strategy 2025/26

Building Partnerships

GMMA MIC Knives Focus: Year 7-11

- Knives: Choices and Consequences Workshop
- Knife Crime Mock Trial – classroom/local court
- StreetDoctors - joint workshop pilot
- GMCA VRU – links with GMP SEOs in target schools
- Funding for Virtual Decisions VR programme
- 'Let's Be Blunt' – support Leanne Lucas campaign



Salford City Council
Safer Schools B-Safe



Let's Be Blunt – Leanne Lucas



Key Initiatives

- ✓ **Blunt Knives Adoption**
Being a catalyst for change in the movement from pointed tip knives to blunt end knives within our homes.
- ✓ **Safe Disposal Points**
Working alongside the authorities to increase the presence of safe and easily accessible knife disposal points.
- ✓ **Parental Awareness**
Increase parental awareness and instilling a greater sense of responsibility through education.
- ✓ **Behavioural Change**
Change the way the UK population perceive blunt end knives to obtain wide scale adoption.

Statistics Snapshot

41.6%

Kitchen knives used in homicides

76%

Domestic homicides committed using kitchen knives

GM MIC Plans and Key Objectives 2025/26

Main Objectives

- Maintain at least 200 MIC visits pa
- Secure growth in high school contacts (70:30)
- Increase delivery of Knife Crime C&C – 30 schools
- Maintain relationships with existing 1ry schools Y5/6
- Extend reach in Rochdale and Salford
- Collect feedback from schools after each visit
- Develop links with GM community partners

Tactics

- Recruit new 4-5 new MIC presenters at sittings, inductions and via bench chair news
- Update Resources MIC Knives: C&C resources
Cyberbullying Include law on sharing private images
- Refresh Core Intro and Quiz module
- Partnership working with GMP, VRU, Street Docs, GMFRS
- Use of local court, coroners court to attract more schools
- Appoint a second MIC co –coordinator
- Devolve visit tracking to local leads
- Devise post visit feedback google form for leads to send
- Identify / train local leads for Rochdale and Bury



Thank you!



"Empowering Young People to Create Change"

Guest Speakers:

***Martin Tilbury, CEO & Phoebe
McHale, Regional Development
Coordinator, Street Doctors***



'No Safe Place to Stab'

[Please click here to watch our campaign video.](#)