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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/23/011627/L

I write in connection with your request for information dated 08/11/2023, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I am writing to you as a patient who uses medical cannabis to treat my chronic condition. I have a valid prescription from a licensed doctor and I follow the guidelines of the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA).

I would like to know your official position on medical cannabis and the steps that you take to establish the legality of the substance when you encounter patients like me. I have concerns that if I have my medication in public and the smell of vaping is apparent, then I may well be discriminated against based on my disability.

I understand that cannabis is still a controlled drug under the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 and that you have a duty to enforce the law. However, I also hope that you recognise the medical benefits of cannabis for some patients and that you exercise discretion and compassion when dealing with them.

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 not held by GMP. GMP do not have a policy relating to medicinal cannabis.