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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/23/011465/L

I write in connection with your request for information dated 10/10/2023, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

1. How many times has the evidence gained from body worn cameras been used in court for each of the past 3 years i.e. for the period September 2020 – September 2023 inclusive?

Please breakdown the requested information for each year as follows:

- i. The number of successful cases;***
- ii. The number of unsuccessful outcomes.***

2. On how many occasions where police body worn camera footage has formed part of the evidence has an offender admitted guilt and accepted a police caution as a formal alternative to prosecution. Please provide this information for each of the past 3 years i.e. for the period September 2020 – September 2023 inclusive.

3. BWC Training:

- i. Can you provide me with a copy of the materials currently used by your force for officer BWC training? Also does this training include data protection requirements?***
- ii. Is BWC training mandatory for all officers?***
- iii. Is it the responsibility of individual officers or the force to ensure that they have had the appropriate training in order to correctly use the cameras and software?***
- iv. What mechanisms/controls do you have in place to ensure all officers attend/receive BWC training and do not slip through the net?***
- v. How many current officers with start dates after September 2022 are showing on your system as not having attended/received BWC training?***
- vi. How does the force gain assurance that all officers are aware of and conversant with the force BWC Policy?***

4. Does your force have its BWC processes independently inspected and certified to confirm compliance with relevant legislation e.g. audited by an accredited contractor or Biometrics and Surveillance Camera Commissioner?

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 that some of the information requested is held by GMP.

However, GMP does not hold the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format.

GMP will not be able to provide a response to Q1 and Q2 due to the enormity and scale of the work required. To do this would require a full manual review of the recorded cases we have to see which ones are relevant to the request you have made. In order to search for the cautions given out alone would create an enormous task of going into each crime and checking all the updates to see if this was a factor in the decision making. There are over 6,000 records for this over a shorter period than you asked for and as such it is anticipated that it would take over 18hrs to provide the relevant data required.

Therefore, as per **section 12(1)** of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the cost of providing you with the information is above the amount to which we are legally required to respond i.e. the cost of locating and retrieving the information exceeds the 'appropriate level' as stated in the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, this letter acts as a Refusal Notice.

GMP is obligated, pursuant to section 16(1) of the Act to provide you with advice and assistance on refining your request to bring compliance within the fees limit. In order for the force to keep this within the fees limit, the information that you are requesting will need revised with the removal of Q1 & Q2 and the remaining question may then be able to be answered and responded to. The scale involved in retrieving the information for Q1 & Q2 would involve a large manual review over any period and as such a revised request for a shorter timeframe would still be expected to exceed 18hrs. The resulting response cannot be guaranteed at this point as it will be dependent upon the number of records that fall within the scope of any new request, as they would still have to be manually assessed.

Should you wish to refine and resubmit your request in line with the advice above please respond to freedomofinformation@gmp.police.uk.