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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/23/011716/L

I write in connection with your request for information dated 24/11/2023, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

- 1. Does your police force have a Police Link Officer for Deaf People (PLOD) scheme?**
 - 1a. If so, how many PLOD officers does your force have?**
 - 1b. What British Sign Language (BSL) qualifications do those PLOD officers have?**
- 2. How many of your officers have received Deaf Awareness training?**
- 3. How many suspects in the last 12 months have disclosed that they are deaf or hard of hearing?**
- 4. How many suspect interviews have required the use of a BSL-English Interpreter in the last 12 months?**

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.

1 - Yes

1a – 24, all offering different levels of knowledge, understanding and language skills.

1b -

- L6 - 1
- L3 - 0
- L2 - 5
- L1 - 2
- Foundation - 4
- Home Sign – 1

2 – All 24 officers in 1a have received a 2day PLOD induction and training course.

Approximately 200 other officers have received Deaf awareness training. Please note the following:

- These sessions were NOT provided by and were NOT in partnership with PLOD.

Further guidance is available internally for officers responding to incidents involving deaf people.

3 - Data from November 2022 – October 2023 **28** Suspects disclosed that they are deaf or hard of hearing?

4 - Data from November 2022 – October 2023 **28** Suspects used the services of a BSL Interpreter.