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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/23/011186/H

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

Custody Video Backup

A recent case revealed that the long term storage facility for this data had failed in a specific case. In the light of this incident:

- 1) Have a significant number of disks in the backup system been tested to see if they have worked successfully? If so, what percentage have been tested?*
- 2) If so, what failure rate has been discovered?*
- 3) How does this compare with the manufacturer's estimated failure rate.*

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.

CAVEATS

GMP do not routinely backup CCTV onto disk. We download identified matters for internal investigation or evidential proceedings as and when there is a need to do so. They are

processed in accordance with GDPR/Criminal Justice and Police Act protocols and from October 2023 we will follow the guidance as laid down in the Forensic Science Regulator Codes of Practice with this becomes a statutory instrument.

REPLY

1. We don't test DVD discs.
2. N/A see above.
3. N/A see above.