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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/23/011087/F

I write in connection with your request for information dated 23/07/2023, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

- 1) a) Do police officers have specific training in conducting strip searches? b) if so, how much time is dedicated to this training?***
- 2) do police officers have specific training on the effects of strip searches on innocent people?***
- 3) do police officers have specific training on the effects of strip searches on people who have been previously abused?***
- 4) do police officers have any specific questions they should ask prior to conducting a strip search such as whether the suspect is vulnerable in any way, including trauma?***
- 5) do police officers receive specific training or information to help the suspect recover from a strip search?***
- 6) is there any guidance on whether innocent people who have been strip searched should or can be referred to victim support?***

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.

Question 1a and b

On the IPLDP Programme Police Stop & Search Training in initial training during the classroom phase is delivered in a methodology that follows all the requirement of Legislation, PACE 1984 Codes of

Practice and the best use of stop and search scheme. This totals around 3 days of classroom training and includes Removal of More than JOG and Exposure of Intimate Body Parts.

Further Training was also delivered in 2022 to all Frontline Response Officers with a 1.5-hour input surrounding stop search powers and this included guidance on strip searches.

Custody Sergeants received a training input around Section 54 PACE 1984.

Question 2

The Purpose of a Stop Search is to Allay or Confirm suspicions about individuals carrying unlawful items without exercising the power of arrest, therefore the initial start point is that all Individuals being Stop Searched are Innocent.

All Search Training involves consideration of the impact of the procedure on Individuals.

Question 3

This is not a specific training topic but general training of Police Officers includes the need for consideration of individual circumstances, therefore if an Individual was previously abused and this was known or disclosed to the officer then they would use this information as part of their decision making utilising the National Decision Model.

Question 4

There is no specific requirements in both Legislation and Policy, the main focus is around obtaining the co-operation of the Individual being Searched in the procedure or to hand over any item that may be secreted.

Question 5 and 6

No information held within our current lessons, APP or force policy.