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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/012166/C

I write in connection with your request for information dated 18/02/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

4 requests combined

We are writing to you on the 18th of February 2024 to request the following data under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

- 1. How many arrests has your force made of individuals in possession of Nitrous oxide since the 8th of November?***
- 2. How many charges has your force made of individuals in possession of Nitrous oxide since the 8th of November?***
- 3. How many prosecutions has your force pursued of individuals in possession of Nitrous oxide since the 8th of November?***
- 4. How many arrests has your force made of individuals in possession of Nitrous oxide with intent to supply for recreational use since the 8th of November?***
- 5. How many charges has your force made of individuals in possession of Nitrous oxide with intent to supply for recreational use since the 8th of November?***
- 6. How many prosecutions has your force pursued of individuals in possession of Nitrous oxide with intent to supply for recreational use since the 8th of November?***
- 7. How many arrests has your force made of individuals selling/who have sold Nitrous oxide for recreational use since the 8th of November?***
- 8. How many charges has your force made of individuals selling/who have sold Nitrous oxide for recreational use since the 8th of November?***
- 9. How many prosecutions has your force pursued of individuals selling/who have sold Nitrous oxide for recreational use since the 8th of November?***
- 10. How many nitrous oxide oxide cannisters have you confiscated in total since the 8th of November?***

11. ***Where do you dispose of nitrous oxide cannisters that have been confiscated?***
12. ***How much has your police force spent on the collection and disposal of nitrous oxide canisters?***

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:

In July 2019, GMP implemented one of the largest IT infrastructure changes in UK policing. The systems are in continual development and the data provided for this request is what the systems currently hold.

- This data contains crimes with a created date between 08/11/2023 and 18/02/2024, excluding cancelled crimes, with a Home Office classification of 093/91, 093/91 or 093/94 and an outcome of charge of 1A. Further information about cancelled crimes can be obtained from the Home Office Counting Rules.
- Data does not reflect Nitrous Oxide crimes that may have been logged under the HO code for "possession of Class C" only.
- Please note – Data for Q10 may not fully reflect "Nitrous Oxide Oxide Cannister". This would be dependent on the item being booked in under the correct cannister in the description field by the OIC.

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3. GMP do not hold prosecution or conviction data as this is held by His Majesty's Courts and Tribunal Service (HMCTS). Please apply directly to HMCTS for such data.
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8. Zero
9. GMP do not hold prosecution or conviction data as this is held by His Majesty's Courts and Tribunal Service (HMCTS). Please apply directly to HMCTS for such data.
10. 262 items containing the word "Nitrous" have been booked in by GMP
11. GMP use an external logistics company.
12. £64,542.27 during 2023/24 (April 2023 to end of February 2024).