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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/012022/N

I write in connection with your request for information dated 25/01/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

The Biometrics and Surveillance Camera Commissioner's annual report 2022 to 2023 states that police forces lost 2081 DNA samples in 2022/23 (para.53):

Biometrics and Surveillance Camera Commissioner's annual report 2022 to 2023 (accessible)
- GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

1. *Please provide the number of DNA samples GMP lost in 2022/23.*

Paragraph 50 states:

'50. Failure to seal the bag correctly again features highly as an issue, rising from 953 occasions in the last reporting year to 1214 to this year...'

2. *Please provide the number of failures attributed to incorrectly sealed bags recorded by GMP in 2022/23*

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police (GMP) to locate information relevant to your request. I can confirm that the information you have requested is held by GMP.

CAVEATS

The lost sample data for 2022/23 is available from April 2022 to March 2023 however we were unable to report in July and August. Therefore, the data is representative of 10 months within this period.

1. The reported number of lost samples for this period is 53.
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