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I write in connection with your request for information dated 20/11/2023, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I would like to know:

- ***A) How many officers have tested positive for anabolic steroids in the past five years?***
- ***B) How many times has the potential use of anabolic steroids come up in misconduct investigations in the past 5 years, regardless of outcome? i.e. I hope this can be achieved by simply searching for the term "steroids" within all misconduct cases and giving me a tally of 'X cases in 2018', 'X cases in 2019' etc***
- ***C) How does this compare to the total number of misconduct investigations launched on a yearly basis?***

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.

- A. 4
- B. Due to low numbers returned a yearly breakdown has been exempted from disclosure under Section 40(2) Personal Information – this information constitutes personal data of an identifiable living individual, and to disclose this information would breach the principles of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018. Personal data is defined by Section 1 of the Data Protection Act 2018 and means data that relates to an individual who can be identified directly or indirectly from that data.

Anabolic steroids have come up in a total of 10 Misconduct Investigations.

C. Data provided below is the number of Internal Conduct files recorded by PSD in the 5-year time frame.

2019 – 385

2020 - 363

2021 - 315

2022 - 352

2023 - 438