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I write in connection with your request for information dated 20/12/2023, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

***1. I would like to know if GMP has specific training, such as sensitivity training, for how to interact with male survivors.
By sensitivity training I meant any form of training which prepares members of the GMP in how to interact with individuals who are victims of sexual assault/rape.***

2. Also, I would like to know whether male survivors are referred to any specific support services after they make reports of sexual assault/rape.

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 1

GMP deliver the Specially Trained Officers (Initial Response to Rape and Sexual Offences) course to all student officers now and additional response officers on request. The STO training is generic in some respect in relation of how to interact/engage and support a victim of rape or sexual offences. However, we do talk throughout about male victims of such offences.

Question 2

GMP promote referrals to partner agencies such as We are Survivors, St Marys SARC, Rape Crisis, Independent Sexual Violence Advocates and Victim Support in relation to male victims of rape and sexual assault. During the delivery of our STO course we teach our delegates to explain, discuss and encourage victims to consent to onward referral to such support service.