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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/012724/K

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

- 1. When video interviews are conducted for rape cases whose responsibility is it to transcribe the audio?*
- 2. Is it policy to transcribe verbatim?*
- 3. Do GMP employ audio typists to complete the transcription? Or is this outsourced to a transcription company?*
- 4. If you do not employ audio typists what is the reason for this,?*
- 5. Do the officers transcribe the audio?*

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.

1. With regards to Record of Video Interview (ROVI) and Achieving Best Evidence (ABE) interviews, it is for the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) to produce the transcript.

Occasionally GMP would produce the transcript, say for example if there is a particular issue that needs to be addressed by the investigating officer and a transcript is required, or as directed by a Judge and included within a Court Order or Direction. Recording of Taped Interview (ROTI) Typists employed by GMP would be tasked to complete the transcript verbatim.

2. Records of ROVI are maintained live time by the ABE observer whilst the interview is underway. Where possible they are likely to be verbatim but may be paraphrased. Similarly, the officer conducting the interview may make notes as the interview progresses, but this will depend upon the individual circumstances of the case and the person being interviewed. Transcripts produced by ROTI Typists are verbatim.
3. Yes, GMP employ ROTI Typists.
4. N/A
5. Transcripts are produced by ROTI Typists, although officers may make verbatim notes during the interview as described in the above answer to question 2.

For further information on how CPS produce transcripts, please contact CPS directly.