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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/012914/O

I write in connection with your request for information dated 09/07/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Cannabis is now legal if prescribed for medical purposes by an authorised doctor. I have the following questions which I seek information on.

1-A) How many Police Officers have declared that they have been prescribed cannabis for medical purposes?

B) How many members of police staff have declared that they have been prescribed cannabis for medical purposes?

2- Is a police officer required to inform occupational health or their line manager if they are prescribed cannabis?

3- Police Officers are known to be drug tested randomly. If an Officer tested positive for cannabis but had a prescription stating they were lawfully allowed to, would the officer be suspended/disciplined or dismissed?

Result of Searches

Information relating to part one of your request is not held in an easily retrievable format, if it is indeed held at all. There is no centrally held record of officers or staff declaring a cannabis

prescription and to provide such data would require each division, sub-division and possible each individual officer to undertake necessary searches to establish if this has happened and if so on how many occasions.

To comply with the whole of your request the process would take over 18 hours' work and therefore exceeds the appropriate limit of £450.00, the amount to which we are legally required to respond i.e. the cost of locating and retrieving the information exceeds the 'appropriate level' as stated in the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, this letter acts as a Refusal Notice.

GMP is obligated, pursuant to section 16(1) of the Act to provide you with advice and assistance on refining your request to bring compliance within the fees limit. The only advice that GMP can give is that you specify a particular divisional area within GMP to make your request more manageable within the fees limit of the act, although this still may not be possible for even one divisional area.