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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/013532/I

I write in connection with your request for information dated 24/10/2024, I note you seek access to the following information:

Please could you provide me with information regarding the initial training undertaken by Special Constables who join your organisation.

- 1. Number of days training to be completed*
- 2. Detail of training i.e Law, Legislation, Roleplays. Is this completed by your training school or in house by the Special Constabulary?*
- 3. If any professional development plan or similar is issued to new Special Constables during initial training.*
- 4. After training is completed, how are Special Constables assessed and monitored?*
- 5. Are Special Constables posted to a specific strand i.e Local Policing, Response etc or do they complete a carousel program?*
- 6. A general overview of your organisations processes for Special Constables from day one initial training to be confirmed in rank.*

Result of Searches

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

Parts 1 and 2 – Total training days is 26 days which includes all the law, first aid, PPST, computers etc. Most of the training is delivered by trainers from GMP however we do utilise experienced Specials on the Skills Development Exercises (role plays).

More information can be found on GMP website via [The Training Programme | Greater Manchester Police](#).

Part 3 – Once Specials complete their initial training, they begin operational patrol on their allocated District. They then have 12 months to complete their PDP. The PDP consists of a number of competencies they must achieve in order to evidence operational competence and be confirmed in rank.

Part 4 - As above, during the first 12 months they are assessed against their PDP.

Part 5 – Presently Special Constables are aligned to Neighbourhood teams however they can and do work with Response.

Part 6 – As Part 3.