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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/013500/A

I write in connection with your request for information dated 19/10/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Since the start of Operation Vulcan:

***How many illegal goods have been confiscated? Specifically vapes.
What is the financial worth of counterfeit goods that have been confiscated?***

Could I please receive this information over the following time periods:

***2022/23
2023/24
2024/25***

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 that some of information requested is held by GMP.

Operation Vulcan works in partnership with Manchester City Council's trading standards team and Salford City council trading standards team. Each agency has seized large quantities of vapes throughout the Operation.

The lead agency responsible for the activity, day of action, warrant or joint visit records the amount of goods seized – so the total amount seized by the "Op Vulcan Partnership" cannot be provided.

GMP can provide data that **we hold** in relation to when GMP led activity resulting in seizures of vapes.

Between November 2022 – October 25th 2024, 587,000 vapes have been confiscated with a “street value” of £7,337,500.

Please note – For the council led activities, please direct the FOI to them directly.

Additionally – Please see the latest update via the GMP website below.

<https://www.gmp.police.uk/news/greater-manchester/news/news/2024/october/looking-back-on-two-years-of-operation-vulcan--the-greater-manchester-police-initiative-that-shut-down-counterfeit-street/>