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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/25/014266/M

I write in connection with your request for information dated 20/02/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Q1 Please disclose - since January 1 2021 - how much money has been spent on drone training.

Q2 Please provide an annual breakdown of that sum (January 1 through to December 31) for each year.

Q3 If the training was carried out by an external provider, please disclose the name of the provider for each individual session.

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 – Approx £7,200.

Question 2 – No information held. The Drone Unit does not retain information in respect of historical financial data so a yearly breakdown cannot be provided.

Question 3 – Initial training and test were provided by a blue light partner, but this is now completed by UAVHub. Continuous training is conducted internally at no extra cost.