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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/015173/M

I write in connection with your request for information dated 22/07/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I am submitting a freedom of information request about the use of naloxone in custody suites.

Please could you tell me, from 1 Jan 2022 to present:

- 1. If the force has naloxone in its custody suites*
- 2. The number of times naloxone was used in custody by the force*
- 3. The number of patients/arrestees naloxone was used on*
- 4. The number of drug overdoses in custody*
- 5. The number of deaths from drug overdoses in custody*

If you have numerical data broken down by month, then that would be fantastic. If not, broken down by calendar year is fine. Failing that, a total across all requested years would be acceptable if it allows you to comply with my request.

If naloxone was introduced in custody suites after 1 Jan 2022, please let me know when.

Also, please could you provide information on who administers the naloxone – eg police officers or healthcare professionals.

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.

Caveat –

- Whilst it is available in Custody it is only managed and administered by trained medical professionals in the form of intramuscular injection (not nasal). It is **not** administered by Police Officers.

- Data is only available from August 2023 when recording started.
- Data for question 4 is only available from February 2025.

Due to low results, the data has been provided as a combination of all years as by providing all this information split by months/years as you have requested would significantly increase the likelihood of identifying the individual(s) concerned, and as such the exemption under S40(2) – Personal Information, would be engaged and result in information being refused. By replacing the data this way, it can be provided in its entirety.

Question 1.
Yes.

Question 2.
Aug 2023-June 2025 – 26

Question 3.
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Question 4.
10.

Question 5.
Zero as of 22/07/25.