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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/013929/U

I write in connection with your request for information dated 07/01/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

- 1) *Are you using any adapted or neurodivergence-friendly practical tools/resources/assets/materials for neurodivergent individuals who are likely to come into contact with the Criminal Justice System (CJS).*
- *Of the above, what is the intended audience for each adapted tool/resource/asset/material (e.g. directly for neurodivergent young adults (up to 25 years), directly for neurodivergent adults (25 years+), carers, parents, peers, professionals)?*
- *Do you have separate practical tools/resources/assets/materials for victims and perpetrators?*
- 2) *What are these practical tools/resources/assets/materials called and are they publicly available?*
- 3) *How long have you been using these tools/resources/assets/materials within your service/PCC area?*
- 4) *If you are not using any adapted practical tools/resources/assets/materials, do you intend on implementing any in the future? If so – please provide details, if you can.*
- 5) *Please provide copies and/or links to any available tools/resources/assets/materials that you are using.*

Result of Searches

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

1. Currently GMP custody staff make use of distraction items such as fidget spinners, colouring books, and balls. These are not specifically or exclusively for neurodivergent individuals but can be used by them. GMP custody do not currently use any practical tools, resources, assets, or materials that are specifically neurodivergence-friendly.
2. All distraction items are widely available from toy retailers.
3. Distraction Items have been used for approximately 2 years.
4. GMP Custody are soon to begin a Vulnerable adult review this will include a review of current practices and processes around neurodivergence and an examination with partners of what potential processes and tools could be implemented to improve practices and support subjects.

Additionally, GMP Custody have recently purchased several bespoke tablets and are in a testing phase prior to a pilot phase. Currently GMP Custody are examining what appropriate applications that could be added to the tablets to support persons in our care these include,

- Child and neurodivergent friendly rights and process videos,
- potential games that would be of a supportive nature,
- links to appropriate support services
- potential music stations or audio books.
- Audio copies of [PACE](#) for persons not able to read.

These tablets were initially purchased to support children however during any pilot the potential for use with all, including neurodivergent individuals, will be examined.

5. No information is held by GMP.