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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/014171/G

I write in connection with your request for information dated 07/02/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I am submitting this request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and would like to request the following information related to the conviction of Victorino Chua regarding the incidents at Stepping Hill Hospital:

- 1. Shift Pattern Analysis**
 - * A full breakdown of the shift patterns of all nurses working on the affected wards (A1 and A3) during the period of the hypoglycemic incidents.*
 - * Any statistical analysis conducted to determine if there were other staff members present during these incidents.*
 - * Any documentation, reports, or communications regarding how shift pattern analysis was used in the investigation.*
- 2. Forensic Analysis of Contaminated Saline Bags**
 - * Details of any forensic tests conducted on the saline bags and ampoules.*
 - * Information on where and when the contaminated supplies were discovered.*
 - * Any internal hospital records indicating whether multiple people had access to these supplies.*
- 3. Other Suspects Considered**
 - * Any reports, documents, or communications related to other hospital staff who were investigated as potential suspects before Chua's arrest.*
 - * Any reasoning behind why other potential suspects were ruled out.*
- 4. Pulse Chart and Statistical Evidence**
 - * A copy of the "pulse chart" used as evidence in the trial.*
 - * Any supporting documentation explaining its methodology.*
 - * Any alternative statistical models considered before concluding that Chua was responsible.*
- 5. Handwriting Forensic Analysis**

- * ***Copies of reports and documentation related to the handwriting analysis used in the case.***
- * ***Any verification processes used to confirm the reliability of the handwriting evidence.***
- * ***The name of the forensic expert(s) who conducted the analysis.***

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 some of the information requested is held by GMP.

However, GMP does not hold the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format.

Due to the length of time that has passed since this case took place, a significant amount of the material requested will now be stored away safely within various sites that GMP use for archives. This will include any exhibits. In the last 10 years GMP have also changed the systems we use and anything that may have been stored will now need to be reviewed manually to ensure its suitable for this request. Given the nature of this case it would be suspected that there will be a lot on information that may be included in the files that will not be relevant and so each box of evidence and case work would need to be reviewed to be able to match the information you have requested. For these reasons it would exceed 18hrs to achieve a response to this request.

Therefore, as per **Section 12(1)** of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the cost of providing you with the information is above the amount to which we are legally required to respond i.e. the cost of locating and retrieving the information exceeds the 'appropriate level' as stated in the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, this letter acts as a Refusal Notice.

GMP is obligated, pursuant to section 16(1) of the Act to provide you with advice and assistance on refining your request to bring compliance within the fees limit. In order for the force to attempt to keep this within the fees limit, the information you are requesting will need revising with a heavily reduced amount of information being requested, and to be more specific to what information you require. With any request that requires a manual review there is always a chance of a request being refused under S12 due to the enormity of work that is usually needed to provide the data, therefore the resulting response cannot be guaranteed at this point as it will be dependent upon the number of records that fall within the scope of any new request, as they would still have to be manually assessed.

Should you wish to refine and resubmit your request in line with the advice above please respond to freedomofinformation@gmp.police.uk.