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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/013873/A

I write in connection with your request for information dated 25/12/2024, I note you seek access to the following information:

Please provide any documents related to the provision of casualty care kits on operational vehicles and any other first aid kits. I am interested in whether tamper seal tags are fitted, post user check procedure and inspection regimes.

Result of Searches

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

Trauma kit within operational specialist units is stocked and tag sealed. The breakage of seal on returned kit bag is immediately put into the trauma stock room for replenishment and re-sealed. Only a tag-sealed trauma bag leaves the building in operational vehicles.

Trauma kit bags belonging to a Public order medic team are assigned to those officers and therefore the responsibility for upkeep and re-stock sits with those individual officers. Locked storage facility available for storage.

Vehicle first aid kits feature on the weekly vehicle check and applies to every fleet vehicle. Some operate a small stock room accessible to officers to replenish items used on their return to the station. More and more are moving to a tag-seal approach, in essence having several fully stocked bags in the police station to allow ease of transfer when a used kit returns to the station, whilst a local SPOC at District Branch level replenish and re-seal the bag stocks. It is likely this will be a recommendation in force policy (currently in draft format)

Building first aid boxes are checked monthly either by a FAW First Aider or a representative from the building Administration Unit or an assigned SPOC.

All of the above, a thorough annual check of all first aid equipment (audit style) to ensure that every item is checked for expiry dates annually, some of the lesser used items would potentially not get replenished frequently therefore an expiry date check must be conducted.