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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/014850/W

I write in connection with your request for information dated 29/05/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Please provide, for each of the last 10 calendar years (2015-2024), the number of individuals who were issued a conditional caution by GMP for sexual offences with a condition requiring them to undertake a polygraph test, where the individual:

- 1. Had not been convicted of any offence,*
- 2. Had not been sentenced to 12 months or more in custody, and*
- 3. Had not been released on licence under section 244 of the Criminal Justice Act 2003.*

To be clear, this request is limited to polygraph conditions imposed as part of conditional cautions, not as part of statutory licence conditions following conviction and imprisonment.

If GMP does not centrally record this information, please advise whether any internal policies, practice documents, or risk assessment tools make reference to the use of polygraph testing as a condition of a caution or a pre-conviction measure.

If the request exceeds the cost limit, please advise on how it can be refined.

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.

CAVEATS

Due to low numbers being returned for some years, it is not possible to provide a yearly breakdown of figures, as by providing exact figures as you have requested would significantly increase the likelihood of identifying the individuals concerned, and as such the exemption under S40(2) – Personal Information, would be engaged and result in information being refused. By providing the overall total, rather than yearly breakdowns, it can be provided in its entirety.

Between 2015 and 2024, 16 people were required to undertake polygraph tests according to the parameters of your request.