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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/25/014481/R

I write in connection with your request for information dated 25/03/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I submit a Freedom of Information (FOI) request in relation to Greater Manchester Police (GMP) Polygraph Examiners and all associated Polygraph Training, for the purpose in obtaining the following information please:

Polygraph Examiners employed by GMP per calendar year:

- a. How many Polygraph Examiners were employed by GMP between 2020 - 2021?***
- b. How many Polygraph Examiners were employed by GMP between 2021 - 2022?***
- c. How many Polygraph Examiners were employed by GMP between 2022 - 2023?***
- d. How many Polygraph Examiners were employed by GMP between 2022 - 2023?***
- e. Which service provider/contractor currently provides polygraph training to GMP Polygraph Examiner(s)?***
- f. How much per calendar year, does GMP pay the service provider for each Polygraph Examiner?***
- g. Between 2020 - 2021, how many Polygraph Examiners did GMP pay the contractor for polygraph services?***
- h. Between 2021 - 2022, how many Polygraph Examiners did GMP pay the contractor for polygraph services?***

i. Between 2022 - 2023, how many Polygraph Examiners did GMP pay the contractor for polygraph services?

j. Between 2023 - 2024, how many Polygraph Examiners did GMP pay the contractor for polygraph services?

k. Is there a mandatory requirement for GMP Polygraph Examiners to undertake additional training and/or development and/or CPD and/or supervision following completion of the initial polygraph training course?

ANSWER: YES/NO

l. If so, what additional training/development/CPD/supervision is required following the initial course?

m. Is there a mandatory requirement for GMP Polygraph Examiner(s) to retain accreditation in order to practice polygraph examinations?

ANSWER: YES/NO

n. If so, how is accreditation retained?

o. Who determines/sets the accreditation requirements to practice?

p. How are the requirements imposed?

q. Between 2020 - 2021, how many GMP Polygraph Examiners retained accreditation to practice?

r. How was accreditation achieved?

s. Between 2021 - 2022, how many GMP Polygraph Examiners retained accreditation to practice?

t. How was accreditation achieved?

u. Between 2022 - 2023, how many GMP Polygraph Examiners retained accreditation to practice?

v. How was accreditation achieved?

w. Between 2023 - 2024, how many GMP Polygraph Examiners retained accreditation to practice?

x. How was accreditation achieved?

y. Is there a UK national register that records accredited Police/Constabulary Polygraph Examiners?

ANSWER: YES/NO

z. If so, which organisation/body holds the register of accredited Police Polygraph Examiners?

aa. Are GMP Polygraph Examiners listed on the national register?

bb. Are all GMP Polygraph Examiners members of the American Polygraph Association (APA)?

ANSWER: YES/NO

cc. If so, did being a member of the American Polygraph Association (APA) enable GMP Polygraph Examiners to retain their accreditation to practice?
ANSWER: YES/NO

dd. Between 2020 - 2021, How many CPD hours did each Polygraph Examiner obtain through the service provider?

ee. Between 2021 - 2022, How many CPD hours did each Polygraph Examiner obtain through the service provider?

ff. Between 2022 - 2023, How many CPD hours did each Polygraph Examiner obtain through the service provider?

gg. Between 2023 - 2024, How many CPD hours did each Polygraph Examiner obtain through the service provider?

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.

Question A – D

Year	Total
2020 – 2021	2
2021 – 2022	2
2022 – 2023	2
2023 – 2024	2

Question E - BMUK

Question F - The current fee is £2,750 per examiner.

Question G – J

Year	Total
2020 – 2021	2
2021 – 2022	2
2022 – 2023	2
2023 – 2024	2

Question K - Yes.

Question L - A minimum of 30 continuing education hours every two years.

Question M – Yes.

Question N – CPD.

Question O – American Polygraph Association.

Question P – Verification of CPD Hours.

Question Q – X

Year	Total	Accreditation
2020 – 2021	2	APA
2021 – 2022	2	APA
2022 – 2023	2	APA
2023 – 2024	2	APA

Question Y - No.

Question Z - N/A.

Question AA - No information held.

Question BB - Yes.

Question CC - No.

Question DD – GG – Over 15 hours.
