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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/25/014635/R

I write in connection with your request for information dated 22/04/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

1. Please tell me, with reference to each of the last four financial years (21/22) (22/23) (23/24) and (24/25), the number of:

- a) Substance misuse tests undertaken at random on your force's officers (not civilian staff).**
- b) Substance misuse tests administered with cause on your force's officers (not civilian staff)**
- c) Substance misuse tests given on a pre-employment basis to people applying to be a police officer with your force.**
- d) The number of positive tests to the number of tests undertaken in total for (a), (b) and (c).**

2. Please break down 1d (the number of positive tests) by:

- a) The drug detected (e.g. cannabis, cocaine).**
- b) The disciplinary measures resulting (e.g. final warning, dismissed, job offer withdrawn).**
- c) Whether the substance misuse test was given at random, with cause or on a pre-employment basis.**

NOTE: For pre-employment tests, I do not require that you break down the number of positives by substance detected.

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 1

Please see the below table for the response to the number of Random & With-Cause test undertaken on GMP's Police Officers'. Also see the below table for the number of positive results from these tests. These have been broken down by financial year as requested.

Financial Year	Random Count	Positive Random Count	With-Cause Count	Positive With-Cause Count
21/22	61	1	3	0
22/23	161	0	1	1
23/24	60	0	9	3
24/25	78	0	11	2

Question 2

Please see the below table for the response to the drug detected for each of the positive tests from Random & With-Cause tests undertaken on GMP Police Officers for each of the last four financial years. See also for the disciplinary measures resulting from these tests.

Financial Year	Positive Random Count	Random Test Substance	Positive With-Cause Count	With-Cause Test Substance	Outcome
21/22	1	Alcohol	0	N/A	Written Warning
22/23	0	N/A	1	Cocaine	Dismissed
23/24	0	N/A	3	Cannabis x1, Cocaine x2	Dismissed x3
24/25	0	N/A	2	Cannabis x2	Dismissed x2

Please note:

All police officer recruits, including transferees and special constables have a substance misuse screening test.