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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/25/014755/Y

I write in connection with your request for information dated 13/05/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Can you please send me GMP internal policy on vaping whilst on duty, vaping whilst interacting with the public and vaping inside police vehicles please.

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.

There is no policy relating to 'vaping whilst interacting with the public'.

Relevant extract from GMP's "No Smoking Policy & Procedure 2018" relating to vaping whilst on duty and in police vehicles:

"1. Policy Statement

Greater Manchester Police (GMP) has been proactive in ensuring all staff work in a healthy, smoke free environment. In 1994 we successfully operated a Smoking Policy, moving in 2000 to a smoke-free environment in all of our buildings and police vehicles.

We welcomed the introduction of the Smoke Free Law in 2007, which ensured every other enclosed public place and workplace would benefit from a healthy, working environment as GMP staff had.

The local responsibility for ensuring all GMP staff and visitors comply with this policy is with the Divisional/Branch Commander/Head/Site Controller in accordance with our Health & Safety Policy.

Smoking is prohibited in all GMP buildings and police vehicles.

All staff and visitors will be required to comply with the No Smoking Policy.

All detainees will not be allowed to smoke within the cell area or exercise yard.

All witnesses/victims of crime will be required to comply with the No Smoking Policy.

The use of e-cigarettes in GMP

GMP acknowledges the evidence from Public Health England that suggests e-cigarettes have the potential to improve public health and be a route out of smoking. As a result, GMP will allow vaping to take place in any outside area of GMP buildings away from public view and open windows, during authorised breaks.

Vaping will not be permitted within GMP buildings or fleet.”