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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/016611/M

I write in connection with your request for information dated 23/03/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

- 1. *How many roadside drug tests were undertaken by the force in the last 12 months, or last calendar year?***
 - *This would be Securetec and Drager devices, specifically for Section 5A potential offences.***
 - *Whichever of the 2 time periods is most convenient to collate, i.e. last 12 months or last calendar year.***
 - a) *Of this number, how many of these tests led to no further action as lab analysis did not detect any drug over the specified limit when blood analysis was performed by your forensic provider.***

Conversely, what number led to Section 5A arrests?

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.

However, GMP does not hold the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format.

GMP would be unable to respond to this FOI in full without completing a review manually. This is due to how the information is recorded on our systems and over 3000 S5A NFA will need to be trawled through to allow us to exact the reason for NFA to answer question 1a.

Therefore, as per **Section 12(1)** of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the cost of providing you with the information is above the amount to which we are legally required to respond i.e. the cost of locating and retrieving the information exceeds the 'appropriate level' as stated in the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, this letter acts as a Refusal Notice.

GMP is obligated, pursuant to section 16(1) of the Act to provide you with advice and assistance on refining your request to bring compliance within the fees limit. In order for the force to attempt to keep this within the fees limit, the information you are requesting will need revising with the removal of 1a from this FOI, or to reduce the timeframe significantly. With any request that requires a manual review there is always a chance of a request being refused under S12 due to the enormity of work that is usually needed to provide the data, therefore the resulting response cannot be guaranteed at this point as it will be dependent upon the number of records that fall within the scope of any new request, as they would still have to be manually assessed.

Should you wish to refine and resubmit your request in line with the advice above please respond to freedomofinformation@gmp.police.uk.