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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/017178/U

I write in connection with your request for information dated 31/07/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Under the FOIA 2000, please could I request the following information:

- 1. The rollout status of digital redaction in your force uses (as mentioned in the Policing Productivity Review - digital redaction of material sent to the CPS for review).*
- 2. The estimated number of police hours in your police force saved due to the use of technology, such as AI, to redact information.*

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.

1. GMP began using Adobe Pro early February 2023. This was replaced by DocDefender on 10th February 2025.
2. No information is held from the Adobe product. On DocDefender, there is a very basic calculation provided of 2minutes per page on documents over 50pages. This produces a figure of 28,523 hours saved since inception. However this only counts 855K of pages redacted against the overall total pages of 2.6 million. It also does not include excel spreadsheets, where 20.6 million cells have been processed. So the total is likely much higher. GMP have not conducted a timer and motions on this, but the figure does appear conservative.