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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/015720/R

I write in connection with your request for information dated 23/10/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I am conducting PhD research into the use of Virtual Reality (VR) and Mixed Reality (MR) within police education and training across the UK. Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would be grateful if you could provide the following information:

- 1. Does your force currently use Virtual Reality (VR) or Mixed Reality (MR) technologies?**
 - o If yes, please provide a brief description of how they are being used (e.g. training, assessment, guidance, public engagement, etc.).*
 - 2. Please specify:**
 - o The project name or topic area where VR/MR is being used.*
 - o The intended outcomes of using VR/MR (e.g. competency testing, assessment, certification, skills training, or awareness exercises).*
 - o The hardware being used (e.g. Pico, Oculus Quest 2, HTC Vive, etc.).*
 - o The software or platform being used (if known).*
 - o Whether the force is using Mixed Reality (e.g. VR integrated with presentations, 360deg imagery, or other media).*
 - o How long the force has been using this technology.*
 - o Any measured or observed outcomes or feedback regarding its effectiveness.*
 - 3. If your force is not currently using VR or MR, is there any plan, pilot, or project under development to explore these technologies in the future?**
- Thank you for your time and assistance. Please let me know if any clarification is required.**

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.

1. GMP does not currently use Virtual Reality (VR) or Mixed Reality (MR) technologies.

2. N/A.
3. GMP do not have any current plans to use VR.