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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/26/016262/L

I write in connection with your request for information dated 28/01/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I am writing to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I would be grateful if you could provide the following information for your police force:

- 1. The date when body-worn video cameras were first introduced or piloted for operational use.***
- 2. Whether the rollout was phased or implemented force-wide from the outset.***
- 3. If the rollout was phased, the start and end dates of the rollout phases.***
- 4. The date when body-worn video cameras became fully operational or routinely used across the force.***

If exact dates are not available, approximate dates (for example, month and year) would be sufficient.

I am happy to receive the information by email. If any part of this request exceeds the cost or time limits set out in the Act, I would appreciate guidance on how the request could be refined.

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police (GMP) to locate the requested information. I can confirm the information requested is held by GMP.

Question 1 – First operational use was March 2016.

Question 2 – The rollout was phased.

Question 3 – The rollout started in May 2016 to May 2017.

Question 4 – The rollout was completed in May 2017. Since this date additional departments have been given BWV cameras.