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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/26/016870/D

I write in connection with your request for information dated 11/05/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

- 1) What are the false positive rate and numbers of the LFRS - i.e. of the total number scans performed by it, how many present as a match which proves later to be inaccurate. Please indicate the total number of false positives and as well as the percentage rate.***
- 2) What is the breakdown of the ethnic origin of those falsely identified - are all groups equally likely to be victims of the system?***
- 3) How much has GMP had to pay out for wrongful arrests driven by such false positives?***
- 4) Has the rate changed over the months that it has been implemented?***
- 5) How does the GMP rate compare with the national false positive rate and that experienced by forces policing similar areas.***

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

GMP have had a total of 1 false confirmed from over 641,533 faces. This equates to a percentage of 0.00015588%

Question 2

The system used has been independently tested and with the algorithm used this shows no bias. All groups are equal on the system used. The ethnic origin that was falsely identified was White British.

Question 3

Zero. There have been no unlawful arrests.

Question 4

No.

Question 5

There is no national rate. As GMP have only had 1 false alert the rate is lower to some forces but higher than some forces that have had no false alerts.