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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/017339/T

I write in connection with your request for information dated 30/07/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

The request is made [REDACTED] to support research into medical care provided by police personnel.

The information requested should, in principle, be readily available from records the force is already required to maintain for clinical governance, audit, training and health and safety purposes. This request does not ask the force to create new information or undertake any new clinical analysis, but to provide relevant information already held within patient report forms and associated recording systems. Where any element is not routinely recorded or cannot be retrieved through a reasonable search, please confirm this within the response.

1. Three-year data

For the period 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2026, please provide an anonymised spreadsheet containing one row for each patient report form, casualty form, first aid record or equivalent medical record completed by police officers, staff or police-deployed healthcare professionals.

Please include the following information where held:

- *Month and year of the incident*
- *Broad type of incident*
- *Broad casualty category, such as member of the public, detainee or police employee*
- *Mechanism or cause of injury or illness*
- *Injury, illness or presenting condition*
- *Treatment provided*
- *Medical equipment, airway adjuncts or medication used*
- *Casualty outcome, such as ambulance handover, hospital transfer or treatment at scene*
- *Medical or first aid training level of the person providing treatment*

- *Broad operational role of the person providing treatment*
- *Whether an associated accident report, health and safety investigation or internal review was completed*

Operational roles should include, where recorded:

- *Response or neighbourhood policing*
- *Roads policing*
- *Public order officer*
- *Public order medic*
- *Firearms officer*
- *Specialist Firearms Officer*
- *Counter Terrorist Specialist Firearms Officer*
- *Tactical or specialist police medic*
- *Other specialist role*

2. Most recent 12 months

For the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026, please also provide anonymised copies of:

- *Patient report forms or equivalent medical records*
- *Any directly associated accident reports*
- *Health and safety investigations*
- *Internal learning or post-incident reviews*

Please remove all information that could identify a patient, officer, staff member or other individual.

Where possible, please use the same anonymised reference number on related records so they can be linked.

3. Summary information

Please also confirm:

- *The total number of patient report forms completed in each year*
- *The number completed by each broad operational role and training level, where held*
- *The number linked to an accident report, health and safety investigation or internal review*
- *Whether the records are held electronically, on paper or both*
- *The retention period for these records*
- *Any requested information that is not recorded or cannot be searched centrally*

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.

We can confirm that a Patient Report Form (PRF) is maintained in accordance with College of Policing requirements for Module 5 training. These records are reviewed with the Clinical Advisor. However, the information is not currently held in an electronic format, nor do we have an electronic tracking system in place.

In order to locate, retrieve and collate the requested information, it would be necessary to manually review individual paper records. We estimate that the work required would exceed the appropriate limit of 18 hours as set out under the Freedom of Information Act.

As per section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the cost of providing you with the information is therefore 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. If one part of the request engages a Section 12 response, the whole request will engage a Section 12 response. The reason being is locating, retrieving and extracting any further information would only add to the already exceeded time obligations and so no other searches have been completed at this stage.

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. For the force to keep this within the fees limit, the information that you are requesting will need to be reduced to a greatly reduced time period. 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.