



# Forensic Science Regulator

## Regulator's Notification: No. 07-2024

### Issue

Suspected data manipulation at Randox Testing Services and Trimega Laboratories, relating to toxicology testing.

### Background

In 2017 the Regulator was made aware of suspected data manipulation at Randox Testing Services and subsequently, Trimega Laboratories. This data integrity issue affected forensic toxicology testing, including s5A drug driving, and more than 10,000 test results from these laboratories. A criminal investigation was undertaken by Greater Manchester Police and on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2024, Greater Manchester Police released a statement saying that they will be taking no further action against the seven suspects involved due to an 'unprecedented mass of materials' and lack of funding to analyse them. [Statement on no further action being taken in data manipulation inquiry | Greater Manchester Police \(gmp.police.uk\)](#)

Following the incident in 2017, the Regulator undertook an integrity check with the providers of forensic toxicology testing at the time and awaited the outcome of Greater Manchester Police's investigation.

### Actions and Outcomes

Following Greater Manchester Police's announcement on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2024 that they would not be pursuing criminal convictions against individuals suspected of manipulating data at Randox Testing Services and Trimega Laboratories, the Regulator has released the following statement, outlining the next steps from a regulatory perspective on this matter.

"The Regulator has been informed by Greater Manchester Police that no further action will be taken against seven suspects who were the subject of an investigation into data manipulation in forensic toxicology analysis conducted by Randox Testing Services and Trimega Laboratories Ltd prior to 2017. The Regulator was made aware of this data manipulation when the investigation commenced and took action to ensure that there were appropriate safeguards in respect of the integrity of forensic toxicology analysis in forensic providers who undertake this type of work. At the time this investigation was initiated the Regulator did not have statutory powers to undertake investigations or take enforcement action, these were introduced in July 2022 through the Forensic Science Regulator Act 2021. The Regulator is working closely with Greater Manchester Police to gain access to all relevant information so that lessons can be learned from this investigation, appropriate regulatory action taken and if necessary amendments made to the Code of Practice."

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