

**Information Management Section
Legal Services, Criminal Justice Division**

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Dear XXXX

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: XXXX

I write in connection with your request for information dated 26/06/2006, which was received by Greater Manchester Police on 27/06/2006. I note you seek access to the following information:

- What procedures does an accident investigation officer follow to measure and record the relevant masses in a motorcycle/pedestrian collision, i.e. the mass of the pedestrian, rider, clothing, motorcycle, fuel, oil, baggage etc.?

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police to locate information relevant to your request. I can confirm that the information you have requested is held by Greater Manchester Police.

Result Of Search

To locate the information relevant to your request searches were conducted at our **Accident Investigation Unit**.

Your question was slightly vague, however we can provide you with the following answers: To measure the mass of motorcycles/pedestrians would ideally be done by weighing the relevant items.

In the case of a motorcycle it would be weighed in a condition as near to its pre collision condition as possible, if this is not possible the officer could use the manufacturers published data in respect of kerbside weight.

In the case of a pedestrian/rider of a motorcycle that has been killed, the body would be weighed at the post mortem, if they have survived the incident they would be asked for their weight.

As per Section 16 of the Freedom Of Information Act to assist you further, you may find the following website link helpful.

<http://www.acpo.police.uk/policies.asp>

(Road death investigation manual)

This ACPO (Association of Chief Police Officers) manual seeks to provide guidance, to enable the police service, to work to a consistent standard of professional investigation for road deaths.

Decision

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I have today decided to disclose the located information to you in full.

Complaint Rights

Your attention is drawn to the attached sheet, which details your right of complaint.

Yours Sincerely,