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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/23/011648/Q

I write in connection with your request for information dated 10/11/2023, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I am investigating an apparent rise in drivers and passengers posting footage of themselves or others speeding or otherwise driving recklessly, on social media platforms like Snapchat, TikTok, Facebook & YouTube. Please answer the following questions:

- 1. Does your police force actively target social media platforms to gather evidence of dangerous driving, with a view to bringing charges against dangerous drivers?*
- 2. Does your police force have a website whereby the public can upload video footage of dangerous driving, including from dashcams, helmet cams, mobile phones and social media content (eg via an 'Operation Snap' type scheme)?*

Please provide the following data for EACH of the last five financial years (defined 6 April to 5 April, so from and including 2018/19 to 2022/23):

- 3. How many driving offences were recorded by your police force in each of the last five financial years whereby the evidence used to charge offenders was gathered solely from video footage on social media or online posts (please include offences spotted by your officers seeing such posts on social media platforms and offences reported by the public supplying video footage to your police force voluntarily)?*
- 4. How many driving offences were recorded by your police force in each of the last five financial years whereby the evidence used to charge offenders was gathered solely from the public supplying video footage to your police force voluntarily?*

If any of this triggers an exemption, we would request you contact us and allow us to refine or reword our request following advice and assistance, as described under Section 16 of the FOI Act.

Result of Searches

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

1. The force does not actively look at social media to identify driving offences uploaded by the offender but will respond to complaints raised by a member of the public and consider prosecution if an offender or offence is established.
2. Yes, we have an online submission portal on the GMP website.
3. This information is not held by GMP. There is no way of establishing how many offences recorded were because of social media videos.
4. We only have data available for the last three years.
2021 - 694
2022 – 531
2023 – 1147