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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/23/011329/E

I write in connection with your request for information dated 14/09/2023, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I wondered if you would be able to supply me with the number of drink driving charges recorded by month, since 2013?

(If the past ten years would take too long, the past five would work!)

And,

if possible, whether the driver has been served a driving ban, an unlimited fine, or 6 months' imprisonment.

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.

However, GMP does not hold the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format.

In order for GMP to be to provide the information relating to "whether the driver has been served a ban" etc would require a manual review off all the incidents logged for this request. Searches conducted reveal there to be over 18,000 incidents recorded and as such it is anticipated to take in excess of 18hrs to review and determine the outcomes.

Therefore, as per **section 12(1)** of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the cost of providing you with the information is 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.

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. In order for the force to keep this within the fees limit, the information that you are requesting will need to be reduced to a much shorter time frame. We are unable to provide data past 2019 at the moment and we cannot provide data on "charges" due to the way the information is held for this request. We can however provide data on arrests from 2013-2019. If you changed the request to this question only we may be able to provide some data. However, 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.