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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/23/011516/F

I write in connection with your request for information dated 18/10/2023, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

1. *Please could you provide the total number of reports your police force has received this year so far (2023) about incidents involving electric scooters? Please also provide the total number for last year (2022) and 2021.*
2. *Please provide the total number of reports received about incidents involving electric scooters and please provide a breakdown of the total number of reports for each category of incident in each year. So, how many incidents reported involved a road collision with other vehicles or pedestrians, how many involved an electric scooter being stolen, how many involved anti-social behaviour and crimes etc. until the full number of different types of reports received involving electric scooters is reflected. Please provide the numbers for each of the above years.*
3. *Please provide the total number of, and the details of, incidents which led to formal action being taken such as arrests or charges. So how many arrests, charges or other types of formal action such as cautions have there been in relation to reports of incidents involving electric scooters and what were they for? And how many of these have resulted in convictions and, also, what were those for? Again please provide this information for all of the years above.*

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, Greater Manchester Police does not hold the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format. To provide the data requested regarding *how many involved an electric scooter being stolen* would involve a manual search of all theft records where the keyword “e-scooter” and “electric scooter” were present to establish whether the incident involved such a vehicle being stolen or not.

A search of our records show that in the last three years there were 377 records that would have to be reviewed. At a very conservative estimate of 5 minutes to locate, retrieve and review each file it would take over 30 hours to ascertain the data required.

Therefore, to comply with the whole of your request the process would take over 18 hours’ work which exceeds the appropriate limit of £450.00, the amount to which we are legally required to respond.

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.

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 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