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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/23/011384/L

I write in connection with your request for information dated 26/09/2023, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Please could you provide over email the answers to the following questions, with the understanding that we are requesting statistics from your area specifically:

- 1. Please provide a breakdown of number plate violations by type in your area by year?*
- 2. How many people were caught for missing front number plates by year?*
- 3. How many number plate violations were caught by cameras in 2022?*
- 4. How many number plate violations were caught by officers in 2022?*
- 5. How many reports of number plate cloning have there been this year?*
- 6. How many reports of number plate theft have there been this year?*

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.

Question 1

	2019	2022	2021	2022	2023	Total
Keep / use registered trailer on a road when registration mark is obscured / not easily distinguishable	0	1	0	0	0	1

Keep a vehicle with registration mark obscured	0	3	6	10	0	20
Drive a vehicle when the registration mark fails to conform with the regulations	856	1172	2179	2876	2076	9793
Keep a vehicle when registration mark fails to conform with the regulations	42	71	231	1412	195	1988
Drive vehicle no front registration plate - registered after 30/09/38	117	138	112	172	156	803
Drive vehicle / vehicle and trailer no rear registration plate - registered after 30/09/38	37	50	57	102	55	383
Keep vehicle no rear registration plate - registered after 30/09/38	9	18	6	15	7	66
Drive a vehicle with registration mark obscured / indistinguishable	59	51	52	93	71	391
Total	1120	1504	2643	4680	2560	13445

Question 2

2019	2022	2021	2022	2023	Total
117	138	112	172	156	803

Question 3

None.

Question 4

Verbal warnings are not recorded by GMP so we would not be able to provide how many violations were "caught" by officers, however if any violations caught were progressed to offences, these will be included in the above totals.

Question 5.

The database was sent up in July 2023. Since then, there have been 190 reports.

Question 6

This year (1st January 2023 to 30th September 2023) there have been 1221 crimes recorded that refer to theft of number plates.

Please Note - Data is taken from the crime detail report where the MO contains key words that refer to theft of number plate. If the MO text does not refer to a number / reg plate then these cannot be identified.