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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/012446/H

I write in connection with your request for information dated 10/04/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

How many e-scooters were seized by your police force in 2021, 2022, 2023, and up to the latest month in 2024 you can provide?

I would like to receive this information in excel format, with the data split up into the years I requested.

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.

The data requested above is not held in a central file to be able to locate the number of "e-scooters" seized on their own. Instead, the data is held on our systems as a combined figure for the total number e-scooters and e-bikes seized. To be able to provide the total number of e-scooters only would require a manual review of all the logs that relate to this request to be able to provide the information needed. Searches completed have revealed 483 records that fit the time frame above and at an estimate of 5 mins to review each one it is expected to take in the region of 40hrs to provide the information being asked for.

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 you are requesting will need revising to a shorter time frame. 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.

Although excess costs remove GMP's obligations under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, as a gesture of goodwill I have supplied some information relative to your request that was retrieved before it was realised that the fees limit would be exceed (see below information). I hope that this is of use to you, but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fee's regulations for the remainder of your request.

Below is combined number of E-Scooter/E-Bikes seized between 1 Jan 21 – 31 March 24:- I hope you will find this useful.

Year/Month	Combined total for E-Scooter & E-Bikes
Jan-21	7
Feb-21	9
Mar-21	8
Apr-21	11
May-21	12
Jun-21	13
Jul-21	26
Aug-21	13
Sep-21	14
Oct-21	7
Nov-21	5
Dec-21	5
Year/Month	Combined total for E-Scooter & E-Bikes
Jan-22	8
Feb-22	13
Mar-22	14
Apr-22	34
May-22	16
Jun-22	12
Jul-22	12
Aug-22	12
Sep-22	15
Oct-22	22
Nov-22	23
Dec-22	17
Year/Month	Combined total for E-Scooter & E-Bikes

Jan-23	12
Feb-23	4
Mar-23	8
Apr-23	12
May-23	11
Jun-23	25
Jul-23	21
Aug-23	13
Sep-23	12
Oct-23	12
Nov-23	7
Dec-23	5
Year/Month	Combined total for E-Scooter & E-Bikes
Jan-24	5
Feb-24	5
Mar-24	3