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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/012463/I

I write in connection with your request for information dated 11/04/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I would like to make the following request under the Freedom of Information Act. Could you please provide:

- 1. the number of roadside screening breath tests carried out by your Police Force in 2023, split by month.***
- 2. the number of positive/refused tests, split by month***

If data has not yet been analysed for the whole year, please provide me with the months you do have.

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 some of the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format.

Information relating to part **one** of your request is not held in an easily retrievable format. There is no centrally held record of all "roadside screening breath tests carried out" as these are carried out by many different departments. Currently GMP have over 7,000 officers from various ranks and roles, and each officer has their own pocket notebook where this information could be written down. Each pocketbook would need to be checked to see if the information has been recorded to be able to provide the data being requested. Due to the scale of the review that would be required, I am confident that to locate, retrieve and extract the information you seek would by far exceed the time obligations upon this authority to comply, and in so doing would exceed the fees limits.

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 with the removal of Q1. 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.

Question 2 - The below refers to arrests made under the Road Traffic Act, a breakdown of each offence type in case has been included.

- S4 – Unfit through drink or drugs.
- FTP – Fail to provide.
- S5 – Over the prescribed limit for drink.
- S5a – Over the prescribed limit for drugs.

	S.4	FTP	S.5	S.5A
2023				
Jan	26	61	186	241
Feb	25	44	147	191
Mar	26	42	138	247
Apr	27	24	176	162
May	40	51	204	190
Jun	47	45	166	187
Jul	35	56	162	219
Aug	43	57	171	226
Sep	33	52	160	163
Oct	31	45	151	178
Nov	36	66	171	189
Dec	46	71	191	189
Total	415	614	2023	2382