

Date: 30th July 2024
Our ref: FOI/24/013024/T

I write in connection with your request for information dated 29/07/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

REVISED REQUEST 01/FOI/24/013001/M

In this case, would it be possible for GMP to provide a list of all recorded vehicle offences in 2023, including the vehicle type or make?

Would it be possible to send this information in a format which would then allow for the further manual research which was required for this request, to determine how many cases are related to vans?

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police (GMP) to locate information relevant to your request. I can confirm that the information you have requested is held by GMP.

However, GMP does not hold the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format. GMPs recording system does not have fields that allows us to identify vehicle type or make/model. To determine the vehicle type or make would require a manual review of all vehicle offences in 2023. A search has returned over 22,000 records. At a conservative estimate of 5 minutes per record would take this request to in excess of 1,833 hours to ascertain the data required.

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.

However, in accordance with Section 16(1) – the duty to provide advice and assistance – of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, Greater Manchester Police will be unable able to provide advice for you to reduce the request in order for the force to keep this within the fees limit.

Should you wish to refine and resubmit your request in line with the advice above please respond to freedomofinformation@gmp.police.uk