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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/011998/E

I write in connection with your request for information dated 21/01/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I am contacting you to ask about the laws on electric pushbikes. Recently the highway code changed regarding rights of way to protect more cyclists. However recently I have seen an increased use of electric pushbikes predominantly by fast food delivery companies.

- 1. Are the police doing anything regards enforcement of traffic laws, more often than not these riders continue to go through red traffic lights, mount pavements to avoid the lights and have no road sense.***
- 2. Finally why does it appear that it is perfectly fine to wear dark clothing and have no visible front or rear light when they are travelling at such high speeds and considering that in the priority of road users they are higher than cars. I appreciate time and costs and funding but at night these users are increasing their risk of injury.***

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.

1. Yes, Greater Manchester Police are currently working alongside the Mayors office, Transport for Greater Manchester and the delivery companies to ensure staff obey the rules of the road and are safe at all time.
2. Not a valid FOI question – However, although the police can and do enforce the use of pedal cycle lights during the times of darkness, there is no legislation around the clothing of a cyclist.