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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/012814/L

I write in connection with your request for information dated 18/06/2024, I note you seek access to the following information:

I would like to obtain data on driving penalties issued for "middle-lane hogging" since the law was enacted in 2013. This is when drivers break Rule 264 of the Highway Code, which states that: "You should always drive in the left-hand lane when the road ahead is clear".

The details I am requesting are as follows:

- 1. The total number of penalties issued for middle lane hogging each year from 2013 to current date (June 2024).*
- 2. The total amount of fines issued as a result of these penalties, broken down by year.*
- 3. The total amount of money collected from fines handed out for middle lane hogging, broken down by year.*
- 4. Details on the cars (make/model) given penalties for middle lane hogging, if the data is available.*

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police to locate information relevant to your request.

I can confirm that the information you have requested is not held by Greater Manchester Police.

1. No information held. Lane hogging is not an offence in its own right. It would fall under the overarching offences of either driving without due care & attention or driving without due consideration to others. We do not record the specifics of the due care / consideration offences on the system so we cannot provide figures specific to lane hogging.
2. Not applicable. "Fines" are imposed at court by HMCTS and not by the Police so we would not hold this data.

3. Not applicable.
4. Not applicable.