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Our ref: 01/FOI/24/012868/Z

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/012868/Z

I write in connection with your request for information dated 01/07/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

In the last 12 months,

- 1. how many times has greater Manchester police enforced the child seat law and how many fines have been paid.*
- 2. How many drivers have been caught not using the correct, or no car seat for a child under the age of 12.*

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.

To provide a response to Q2 of this request, a substantial manual review will need to be carried out.

As the request does not ask for how many arrests, cautions or FPN's issued for this offence we would need to check all officer handbooks to see if they have recorded any instances where question 2 is referenced within roadside stops, along with checking how many other offences have been recorded on top of this. To complete this task will result in the 18hrs permitted to respond being exceeded and so cannot be provided.

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 request data held such as cautions, FPN's and is therefore less broad of a request. It's current form does not allow for a response. 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.

Response to Q1.

Please note – information provided is when an offence has been passed to GMP's central ticket office for processing under a Fixed penalty Notice. between 01/07/23 – 30/06/24.

Caveats.

- Data is between 01/07/23 – 30/06/24.
- Information provided is by way of FPN's paid.
- GMP also offer resolution by way of driver retraining courses of which **453** have been resolved through this route.
- Some offences may not of been recorded by way of FNP and so will not appear in these results (such as road side warnings.
- "Fines" are imposed by the courts - Please apply directly to HMCTS for such data.

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