

Date: 11th June 2024
Our ref: FOI/24/012645/M

I write in connection with your request for information dated 16/05/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

1. In the last 5 years how many fines have been issued to pedal cyclists for the following injudicious actions on roads: Disobeying traffic signals, exceeding speed limit, entering road from pavement and riding on a 'footpath/ causeway by the side of a road set apart for the use of foot passengers? (Broken down by financial years: Between 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24)

1a) How many pedal cyclists from the above data were e-bikes?

2. How many 'illegal' bikes have been seized in the past 5 years? Broken down by financial years between 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24)

Can this be presented in PDF format?

CLARIFICATION

By 'illegal bikes' I refer to any vehicle which fails to qualify as an unlicensed pedal cycle. For example, e-bikes must display a) The power output of manufacturer of the motor b) The battery's voltage or maximum speed and c) Can only have a maximum power output of 250 watts and a maximum speed of 15.5mph - any e-bike that fail to meet that criteria presumably then, must be licenced, taxed and insured. (Some have been modified e.g.)

So any bike that must be licenced, taxed and insured but is not would be an 'illegal bike' in this case. I hope that provides the necessary clarification, do get in touch if you need anything further.

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 for question 2 in an easily retrievable format. There isn't a specific field to record whether a pedal cycle has been illegally adapted or modified, to determine which records are relevant would require manually reviewing all bikes seized within the 5 year time period. As such it is anticipated to exceed the 18 hour limit.

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 that you are requesting will need to be reduced to a much shorter time period or a reduction in the volume of questions asked for example question 1 alone. 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 fees regulations for the remainder of your request.

DESCRIPTION	2019 / 20	2020 / 21	2021 / 22	2022 / 23	2023 / 24
	78	78	78	69	78
Ride a pedal cycle on a road and fail to comply with the indication given by a traffic sign	0	0	1	0	0
Ride a pedal cycle on a footpath / causeway by the side of a road made / set apart for the use of foot passengers	6	2	10	4	3
Use a pedal cycle on a road when front / rear position lamp / retro reflector was not fitted	5	7	5	0	3
Ride a pedal cycle on a road and fail to comply with the indication given by a traffic sign	52	21	52	21	59
Ride a pedal cycle on a road and fail to comply with the indication given by a traffic sign - e-cycle	0	0	0	0	1
Ride a pedal cycle on a road and fail to stop when directed by a uniformed police constable / traffic warden	0	0	0	0	1
Excluded traffic on a special road - pedal cycle	2	2	3	7	14
Use a pedal cycle on a road at night when the front and / or rear position lamps were not kept lit and unobscured	0	3	1	3	1