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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/012787/Z

I write in connection with your request for information dated 12/06/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please provide the following details regarding crimes and complaints involving e-bikes recorded by the police force from the period of May 1, 2019, to May 31, 2024:

- 1. The total number of crimes and complaints involving e-bikes each month.***
- 2. A breakdown of each incident, specifying:***
 - Whether the person on/owning the e-bike was the victim or the perpetrator.***
 - The nature of the crime - these categories may include:***
 - Theft of e-bike***
 - Assault involving an e-bike***
 - Vandalism/damage to e-bike***
 - Traffic offenses involving e-bikes***
 - E-bike related accidents***
 - Any other specified categories***

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 some of the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format.

To provide a response to this request it will require a substantial manual review of all the recorded crimes that relate to the above. The review will be required to provide the breakdown being asked in question 2. Each record that falls into this request will need to be interrogated to be able to say who was the owner of the bike, the nature of the crime, and to understand who the victim/perpetrator is. Initial searches have brought back over 500 results that contain the word E-bike in the records between the dates requested. At a conservative estimate of 5 minutes to review each one it is expected to take approximately over 41hrs to retrieve this information.

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 with a shorter timeframe and/or a reduction in the breakdown required for this request. Alternatively, if Q2 was removed, we may then be able to provide a response to Q1 alone. 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.