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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/012795/Z

I write in connection with your request for information dated 14/06/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I am writing this request in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.

1. How many learner driver accidents have there been in recent years between (05/04/2021) to 05/04/24

1a) of those incidents, whether the collision was with another vehicle or pedestrian

1b) the gender of the learner drivers

1c) the age of the learner drivers

1d) the time of the day the accident occurred

1e) The location of test centres where accidents occurred on test

Please could any response be presented in a PDF format and to this email address?

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 this request, GMP would be required to undertake a manual review of all the collision records during the specified timeframe. Each record would need to be checked to see if the accident involved a learner driver along with the remainder of the breakdown requested from A-E. This data will only be held if an officer had attended at the time of the collision and so the results may not be accurate otherwise. Initial searches have provided back over 8000 collision records and to manual trawl through each one would take in excess of 600 hrs to locate and 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 much shorter time frame and a reduction in the volume of information being requested. With any request that requires a manual review there is always a chance of a request being refused under S12 due to the enormity of work that is usually needed to provide the data, therefore 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.