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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/012810/H

I write in connection with your request for information dated 18/06/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

- 1. How many qualified Forensic Collision Investigators have been held by your force annually from 2009 to the present? Please can the data be provided annually.*
- 3. How many serious injury road traffic collision cases were investigated by FCI's annually from 2009 to the present? Please can the data be broken down annually.*
- 4. How many fatal road traffic collision cases were investigated by FCIs annually from 2009 to the present? Please can the data be broken down annually.*

Result of Searches

Greater Manchester Police (GMP) does not hold the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format. The Forensic Collision Reconstruction Unit was only established in October 2022 and central records only began to be kept from January 2023. Prior to this, forensic collision investigation was one of the many responsibilities of GMP's Specialist Operations Branch. To provide the data requested prior to 2023 would involve a manual search of all Specialist Operations records to establish which related to forensic collision investigations.

Therefore, to comply with the whole of your request the process would take over 18 hours' work which exceeds the appropriate limit of £450.00, the amount to which we are legally required to respond.

As per section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the cost of providing you with the information is therefore 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 greatly reduced time period. 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 (see below information), I have supplied information, relative to your request, that was retrieved / available before it was realised that the fees limit would be exceed. I trust this is helpful, but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fees regulations for the remainder of your request.

3. The number of serious injury collisions investigated in 2023 by the FCRU is 61.
4. The number of fatal collisions investigated in 2023 by the FCRU is 47.