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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/013234/B

I write in connection with your request for information dated 09/09/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Please provide a breakdown of the number of young people (aged 16 and under) who have been caught driving without a licence in your force area for the last five financial years, broken down by year. (01 April – 31st March, 2019/2020, 2020/2021, 2021/2022, 2022/2023, 2023/2024)

Please provide, if possible, the figures for each age group where applicable i.e. nine, ten, eleven, twelve, thirteen etc, also broken down by gender.

Please provide, if possible, the outcome of each case.

Result of Searches

Information relating your request is not held in an easily retrievable format, if it is indeed held at all. As this is a non-recordable offence, there is no centrally held record of under 16s driving without a licence. In order to provide such data would require each division, sub-division and possible each individual officer to undertake necessary searches to establish if this has happened and if so on how many occasions,

To comply with the whole of your request the process would take over 18 hours' work and therefore exceeds the appropriate limit of £450.00, 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. The only advice that GMP can give is that you specify a particular divisional area within GMP to make your request more manageable within the fees limit of the act, although this still may not be possible for even one divisional area.