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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/013548/Q

I write in connection with your request for information dated 28/10/2024, I note you seek access to the following information:

- 1. Where possible, the annual number of reported incidents of dangerous cycling, careless cycling or wanton or furious driving involving a bicycle on pedestrianised areas in the local police district in the past 6 years, with a breakdown for each calendar year. This time period should include (01/01/2018-01/01/2023) and where possible (01/01/2024-28/10/2024).*
- 2. Where possible, the annual number of cautions, fines or prosecutions given to cyclists for dangerous cycling, careless cycling or wanton or furious driving involving a bicycle on pedestrianised areas in the local police district in the past 6 years, with a breakdown for each calendar year. This time period should include (01/01/2018-01/01/2023) and where possible (01/01/2024-28/10/2024).*
- 3. Where possible, the annual number of cautions, fines or prosecutions given to cyclists for cycling on pedestrianised areas in the local police district in the past 6 years, with a breakdown for each calendar year. This time period should include (01/01/2018-01/01/2023) and where possible (01/01/2024-28/10/2024).*

If you are able to provide specific details about any of the reports, such as where it took place, I would be very grateful.

When I refer to pedestrianised areas I mean areas designated for pedestrians only and areas where access is shared between pedestrians and bikes. This will include footways, footpaths, bridleways, towpaths and any other public right of way.

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police to locate information relevant to your request. I can confirm that some of the information you have requested is held by Greater Manchester Police.

Parts 1 and 2

Central Ticket Office (CTO) would not hold record of reported incidents and there is no notifiable offences for dangerous cycling, cautions or offences taken directly to court. Fines are issued by a Magistrates Court, the CTO would administer offences where a fixed penalty/cycling awareness course would be offered as a method of disposal for the offence as an alternative to court process.

Dangerous cycling (we would assume wanton & furious cycling would fall under this offence category) is not an offence dealt with by fixed penalty so we would not hold data on it.

Lastly, the detailed information on each report has been exempted from disclosure under **Section 40(2) Personal Information** – this information constitutes personal data of an identifiable living individual, and to disclose this information would breach the principles of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018. Personal data is defined by Section 1 of the Data Protection Act 1998 and means data that relates to an individual who can be identified directly or indirectly from that data.

Response Data

Caveats

- The following is a list of cycling offence processed by the Central Ticket Office since 2018.
- The offence data is weeded from the national fixed penalty processing system, so the data from 2018 may no longer be a complete record for that year.
- We would not have a record of whether an offence location is pedestrianised.

OFFENCE	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Ride a pedal cycle on a footpath / causeway by the side of a road made / set apart for the use of foot passengers	1	5	4	10	4	3	14
Use a pedal cycle on a road when front / rear position lamp / retro reflector were not fitted	1	4	5	8	0	2	2

Ride a pedal cycle on a road and fail to stop when directed by a uniformed police constable / traffic warden	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Excluded traffic on a special road - pedal cycle	0	1	4	3	5	15	11
Use a pedal cycle on a road at night when the front and / or rear position lamps were not kept lit and unobscured	2	0	2	2	2	2	0