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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/013579/X

I write in connection with your request for information dated 04/11/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I am writing to request information, under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, regarding the number of detainees who have been injured during police transport following a road traffic collision.

Specifically, I request the following information:

The total number of detainees injured during police road transport following a road traffic collision in the last 5 years.

A breakdown of the injuries by severity (e.g., minor, serious, fatal).

The number of these incidents that involved a police vehicle being at fault.

If available, a summary of the circumstances surrounding these incidents.

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.

GMP do not record Police Vehicle Collisions any differently from a normal Road Traffic Collision. Therefore, it would take a manual review of every RTC to identify if a police vehicle carrying a detainee was involved. If a police vehicle was involved and a person injured, it would be recorded as an injury RTC.

We have completed a search to see how many records fall into this category for your chosen timeframe and it has brought back over 14,000 results which includes all fatal, serious, and slight injury RTCs. Under the circumstances I am absolutely confident that to, retrieve and extract the

information you seek would by far exceed the time obligations upon this authority to comply, and in doing so would exceed the fees limits.

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 timeframe.

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.