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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/013587/X

I write in connection with your request for information dated 05/11/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

- 1. *How many speeding tickets/fines were issued by your council/constabulary in 2023 and 2024? Following this, which month saw the most cases?***
- 2. *How many cases of drink driving did you deal with in 2023 and 2024? Following this, which month saw the most cases?***
- 3. *How many cases of car theft did your constabulary deal with in 2023 and 2024? Following this, which months saw the most cases?***
- 4. *What was the top cause of car accidents in 2023 and 2024? Following this, which months saw the most cases?***
- 5. *How many cases of fatalities were caused by not wearing a seatbelt in 2023 and 2024? Following this, which months saw the most cases?***

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 would be unable to respond to this request in full without completing a manual review for question 3 of the above request. A manual review of 'theft or unauthorised taking of a vehicle' offences would be needed to determine whether the type of vehicle that has been stolen was a car. Initial searches have revealed over 12,000 records between January 1st 2023 – 31st October 2024. To be able to provide this part of the request would far exceed the time limit allowed to do so.

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 the removal of question 3 or to revise your request to *"how many cases of vehicle theft did your constabulary deal with in 2023 and 2024? Following this, which months saw the most cases"* for question 3. 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.