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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/014560/P

I write in connection with your request for information dated 08/04/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

- 1. In the past year, how many car accidents took place? (Financial year 2024/25)**
 - 1a. Can this be broken down by accident causes such as speeding, drink-driving, icy roads etc?**
 - 1b. Can this be broken down by town (accidents in the towns that the force covers)?**
- 2. What is the number of pedestrian casualties in reported road collisions in the past year? (Financial year 2024/25)**
 - 2a. Could these casualties be broken down into fatalities, serious injuries and minor injuries?**
 - 2b. Can this be broken down by town (accidents in the towns that the force covers)?**
- 3. What is the number of pedal cyclist casualties in reported road collisions in the past year (Financial year 2024/25)**
 - 3a. Could these casualties be broken down into fatalities, serious injuries and minor injuries?**
 - 3b. Can this be broken down by town (accidents in the towns that the force covers)?**
- 4. In the past year, how many people were arrested following a traffic collision/accident and how many people were subsequently charged? (Financial year 2024/25)**

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 are unable to answer Q4 without completing a manual review as there is no specific search parameter for arrests following traffic collisions/accidents. This would require a review of thousands of

arrests over the last 12 months to identify the number that match this request. This FOI would not be able to be fulfilled in under 18hrs due to the scale of review needed to answer this part of the request.

If one part of the request engages a Section 12 response, the whole request will engage a Section 12 response. The reason being is locating, retrieving and extracting any further information would only add to the already exceeded time obligations and so no other searches have been completed at this stage

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 attempt to keep this within the fees limit, the information you are requesting will need revising with the removal of Q4. However, 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.