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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/013857/A

I write in connection with your request for information dated 20/12/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

- 1. For each of the calendar years 2020-2023, how much has GMP spent on own vehicle repairs as a direct result of non-fault or partial fault motor vehicle accidents?***
- 2. In respect of the first question, what additional expenditure has GMP incurred for each of the calendar years? E.g. livery, engineer fees, vehicle recovery etc.***
- 3. For each of the calendar years 2020-2023, how much has GMP recovered from third parties as a result of non-fault and partial fault accidents involving GMP vehicles?***

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.

To enable us to provide a response to the query specifically as asked in questions 2 and 3 we would need to open and trawl each record manually in one system, and match against another open record from a second system to analyse the information and allow us to separate the data. This is because we do not hold such data in a central location for an easy extraction. Searches have revealed over 3,900 records and to complete each review at a conservative rate of 5 minutes each would take around 325hrs to provide a response.

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 a much shorter time frame. 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.