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**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/014390/P**

I write in connection with your request for information dated 11/03/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

***Q1. Can you please provide the total number of reported road incidents and collisions where poor eyesight was recorded as a contributing factor?***

***Q2. Can you please provide a breakdown of these incidents by severity (eg: fatal, serious, and slight collisions)?***

***Q3. Can you please provide a demographic breakdown of the drivers involved by age, gender, and region/city/post code***

**Result of Searches**

GMP cannot confirm if it holds all the information that you have requested without conducting a thorough search on your behalf

GMP would be required to undertake a substantial review to see if we hold the information relating to question 3. While I can advise that there are 75 results for question 1, to provide the demographics for these figures would not be possible as we do not record if the contributory factor relates to a particular person (the person with defective eyesight). A review would need to be carried out for all the drivers in any collision where the factor 'Driver / Rider had uncorrected or defective eyesight' was selected, as this is based on the officer in charge added this option on the system. As such, a review would need to be carried out on over 130 individual person records to see if it has been recorded that they were the person with "defective eyesight". This may also need to extend reviewing if any eyesight tests have been requested following a collision and to check if we have the response on file. Only then if we have this data can we provide the correct demographics such as age. At a minimum of 10 minutes per each check this request would take approximately 22hrs to complete in its current form.

Therefore, as per section 12(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the cost of searching for the information is above the amount to which we are legally required to respond i.e. the cost of locating 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 to remove question 3 for this particular request. 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](mailto:freedomofinformation@gmp.police.uk).

Although excess costs remove GMP's obligations under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, as a gesture of goodwill I have supplied some information relative to your request that was retrieved before it was realised that the fees limit would be exceed (see below information). I hope that this is of use to you, but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fee's regulations for the remainder of your request.

Please note –

- Data provided is for 2010 -2024 combined, where the contributory factor of 'Driver / Rider had uncorrected or defective eyesight' selected.

1. 75.
2. See table below.

| Year  | Fatal | Serious | Slight |
|-------|-------|---------|--------|
| Total | 7     | 18      | 50     |

3. See exemption above.