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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/015335/M

I write in connection with your request for information dated 13/08/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I am requesting the following information held by your constabulary for the periods:

- 1 January to 31 December 2024
- 1 January to 31 July 2025 (or 31 August 2025, if available at the time of response)

Please provide a breakdown of the data for each council area or policing district within your constabulary's jurisdiction, where applicable.

For each council area/district, please provide:

1. *Speeding offences – The total number of speeding tickets or fines issued during each period, along with the month in each period that recorded the highest number of offences.*
2. *Drink driving offences – The total number of recorded drink driving offences during each period, along with the month in each period that recorded the highest number of offences.*
3. *Car theft incidents – The total number of reported car theft incidents during each period, along with the month in each period that recorded the highest number of incidents.*
4. *Causes of car accidents – The leading cause of car accidents during each period, along with the month in each period in which this leading cause resulted in the highest number of accidents.*

5. *Seatbelt-related fatalities – The total number of fatalities caused by not wearing a seatbelt during each period, along with the month in each period that recorded the highest number of such fatalities.*
6. *Dropped kerb offences – The total number of enforcement actions (tickets, fines or penalty charge notices) issued for vehicles obstructing or parking on a dropped kerb during each period, along with the month in each period that recorded the highest number of such offences.*

If possible, please provide the data in a spreadsheet format (e.g. CSV or Excel), with separate columns for each council area/district and period to allow for easier analysis.

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police (GMP) to locate information relevant to your request. I can confirm that the information you have requested is held by GMP.

However, GMP does not hold the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format. As there is no specific offence for car theft, to provide the data requested in question 3 would involve a manual search of all crimes recorded under the offence of 048/01 Theft of a Motor Vehicle, to determine which related to cars, rather than other categories of motor vehicle.

A search of our crime records shows that there are approximately 9,000 crimes that would have to be manually reviewed. At a very conservative estimate of 5 minutes to locate, retrieve and review each file it would take approximately 750 hours to ascertain the data required for question 3 alone.

Therefore, to comply with the whole of your request the process would take over 18 hours' work which exceeds the appropriate limit of £450.00, the amount to which we are legally required to respond.

As per section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the cost of providing you with the information is therefore 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 that you are requesting will need to be reduced to a greatly reduced time period. 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