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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/015176/P

I write in connection with your request for information dated 22/07/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

- 1. The total number of reported incidents involving cycling and motorcycling under the influence of alcohol or drugs for each of the past five years (please provide separate yearly breakdowns for bicycles and motorcycles).**
- 2. Of these incidents, how many resulted in arrests, cautions, or penalties being issued? (Please provide separate yearly breakdowns for bicycles and motorcycles.)**
- 3. For each of these incidents, please provide a breakdown by the age and gender of those involved (separately for bicycles and motorcycles, by year).**

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 identify any drink driving relating incident reports of any kind we would need to do key word search because we have no closing or opening code that would define them as an impaired driver report, instead it would be logged as a 'Road Related Offence', However, this would still only have the total number of logs and no detail relating to the type of vehicle, which is not recorded on the system as a searchable field. A manual review would therefore be the only option available to understand how many **"reported incidents involving cycling and motorcycling under the influence of alcohol or drugs for each of the past five years"** are logged.

Over approximately 3000 logs per month would need to be examined to see if we hold the information requested as the type of vehicle is not always record and is dependant on the officer noting this on the report. Due to the number of reviews, this request would not be achieved in under 18hrs.

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 reduced timeframe and a list of keywords to search for in the hope of narrowing down the results (please note this may not provide accurate results for comparison purposes). 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.