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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/25/015820/U

I write in connection with your request for information dated 10/11/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

REQUEST 1:

Please can I request information relating to crimes and anti-social behaviour linked to "e-bikes" or "e-scooters."

Q1 How many crimes have been recorded that mentioned "electric bike", "e-bike", "electric scooter", or "e-scooter" in each of the years 2025, 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021 and 2020. Can you provide individual data for each year and a breakdown of the types of crimes that mention these electric vehicles.

Q2 Can you also provide the total number of all recorded crimes in the years 2025, 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021 and 2020 to compare the data.

REQUEST 2:

Please can I request information relating to illegally modified "e-bikes" and "e-scooters" that have been seized by police.

Q1 How many "electric bikes", "e-bikes", "electric scooters", or "e-scooters" have been seized by police in the years 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025 and how many of these were illegally modified.

Q2 Can you please identify the highest speed (in mph) the force has ever recorded for a person riding an electric bike or electric scooter.

Q3 Can you please provide details of where/when (on which road) the highest speed was recorded. The age of the rider who recorded the highest speed.

Result of Searches

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

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Caveats:

In July 2019, GMP implemented one of the largest IT infrastructure changes in UK policing. The systems are in continual development and the data provided for this request is what the systems currently hold.

This data contains crimes with a created date between 01/01/2020 and 10/11/2025 where the crime description or crime MO description contains 'electric bike', 'e-bike', 'electric scooter' or 'e-scooter', excluding cancelled crimes and crimes classified as fraud. Further information about cancelled crimes can be obtained from the Home Office Counting Rules. Details regarding fraud crime can be obtained by contacting the NFIB. Please note:

- The keyword methodology does not account for spelling errors.
- The appearance of the keywords in the text fields does not necessarily mean that records are relevant to this request.

This data also contains counts of all crime with a created date between 01/01/2020 and 10/11/2025, excluding cancelled crimes and crimes classified as fraud.

Crime Latest Classification: Crime Tree Level Four	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Total
All other theft offences	18	74	112	148	189	175	716
Bicycle theft	17	30	100	223	271	215	856
Business and community burglary	6	16	23	24	17	29	115
Criminal damage and arson offences	13	24	65	71	90	117	380
Death or serious injury caused by unlawful driving	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Miscellaneous crimes against society	0	3	14	10	22	18	67
Other sexual offences	1	0	0	4	2	3	10
Possession of drugs	1	3	1	2	4	23	34
Possession of weapon offences	1	4	13	13	22	41	94
Public order offences	9	64	85	91	113	142	504
Rape	0	0	0	1	1	1	3
Residential burglary	24	54	86	125	116	114	519
Robbery of business property	0	2	0	2	4	4	12
Robbery of personal property	37	84	105	111	190	205	732
Shoplifting	0	13	11	7	15	23	69
Stalking and harassment	2	14	11	20	29	48	124
Theft from the person	5	20	19	28	82	61	215
Trafficking of drugs	0	1	1	0	1	10	13
Vehicle offences	6	22	47	40	57	85	257
Violence with injury	6	25	24	41	53	57	206
Violence without injury	10	25	30	43	55	86	249
Total	156	478	747	1005	1333	1457	5176

Total Recorded Crime					
2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
271,077	340,941	366,553	353,361	323,093	271,779

Request 2

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. GMPs property recording system does not differentiate between legal e-bikes/scooters and ones which have been modified. Some entries may include a description in the free text field however we will need to manually review all property entries to determine if the description mentions if the item seized had been modified. A further manual review would be required to determine the exact number of e-bikes and e-scooters seized as the search returns items which also relate to e-bikes/e-scooters, for example, e-bike battery, e-bike keys. From an initial search, 377 records relating to e-bikes and 477 records relating to e-scooters would need to be manually reviewed. As such, it is anticipated it would take in excess of 18 hours to provide the requested information.

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.

However, in accordance with Section 16(1) – the duty to provide advice and assistance – of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, Greater Manchester Police will be unable able to provide advice for you to reduce the request in order for the force to keep this within the fees limit.

Should you wish to refine and resubmit your request in line with the advice above please respond to freedomofinformation@gmp.police.uk