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I write in connection with your request for information dated 12/02/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Since March 2022 the government tightened its rules, and increased the penalties. I wanted to ask how many such incidents have been recorded by your police force in the past few years.

Q1 - How many drivers have been stopped for using a mobile phone whilst driving in 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025 so far?

Q2 - How many drivers received a fine and/or penalty points for using their mobile phone whilst driving in 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025 so far?

Q3 - How many drivers lost their licence for using their mobile phone whilst driving in 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025 so far?

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 some of the information requested is held by GMP.

Question 1

GMP hold no data relevant to question 1. Whilst we record data on vehicle stops, whether a driver was stopped for being on their mobile device is not specifically record.

Question 2

"Fines" are imposed by HMCTS so we would not hold that data. However, of the offences dealt with by the CTO where an offer of fixed penalty was made to the driver, the following shows the number of drivers (to date) who have accepted the fixed penalty and licence endorsement as the method of disposal for their offence.

Offence	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Use a handheld mobile phone / device while driving a motor vehicle on a road - endorsable offence	54	137	183	953	34

Question 3

GMP hold no information relevant to question 3. The decision as to whether a driver loses their licence would be decided upon following court proceedings. For this information you will need to direct your request to HMCTS.