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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/014268/O

I write in connection with your request for information dated 20/02/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Please share the following information regarding police pursuits:

Q1. How many pursuit-related fatalities occurred between 1 January 2014 and 31 December 2024? Please share both the total number of fatalities in the 10-year period and the number of fatalities per calendar year.

Q2. How many pursuit-related injuries occurred between 1 January 2014 and 31 December 2024? Please share both the total number of injuries in the 10-year period and the number of injuries per calendar year.

Q3. Please share all completed Pursuit Management Debrief Return documents for police pursuit incidents which took place between 1 January 2014 and 31 December 2024.

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.

The information for question 3 is not held in a central location and so a manual review will need to be carried out. GMP's Driver Standards Team do not record if the incident was a pursuit, instead they only record if the incident was a Police involved or a Police Vehicle Collision (some of these will be the result from a pursuit). In order to determine if the data for question 3 was from a pursuit, each incident would need to manually be checked. Currently our DST handle over 1500 incidents per year, and so to complete this request in under 18hrs will not be possible.

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.

If one part of the request engages a Section 12 response, the whole request will engage a Section 12 response. The reason being is locating, retrieving and extracting any further information would only add to the already exceeded time obligations and so no other searches have been completed at this stage.

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 the removal of Q3. 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.