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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/014276/O

I write in connection with your request for information dated 21/02/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Splashing pedestrians by driving through standing water is illegal under Section 3 of the Road Traffic Act of 1988.

- 1. Please can you provide, for the area covered by Greater Manchester Police, the total number of fixed penalty notices and/or offences recorded in 2024 to motorists for splashing pedestrians?***

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.

Splashing pedestrians does not have an offence in its own right, it would instead fall under the overarching offences of driving without due care and consideration. GMP's CTO unit record offences on to the national fixed penalty system using the actual offence codes ie, the due care and consideration offences, and not the specific circumstances, meaning we cannot search the national system for "splashing pedestrians" as there is no field in the system for such a descriptive to be entered. A manual review would therefore be needed of all the Due Care and Consideration offences in 2024. There have been over 5,000 of these recorded and so this request would not be able to be completed 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.

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