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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/014237/H

I write in connection with your request for information dated 18/02/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

- 1. How many electric bikes have been seized by police in the following years 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024 a. please break down these figures into respective years***
- 2. How many electric bikes have been seized that were illegally modified in following years 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024 b. please break down these figures into respective years***
- 3. How many crimes reported have electric bikes been the cause of in the following years 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024 c. break down these figures into respective years***

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.

GMP are unable to answer these questions in its current form as we don't breakdown the seizures into electric bike and electric scooters. This information is recorded collectively and to breakdown the individual total for the number of electric bikes seized only would require a manual review of over 600 records during the time frames requested. At a conservative estimate of 5 minutes per log would take the review approximately 50hrs to complete.

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. 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

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