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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/013821/O

I write in connection with your request for information dated 16/12/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I would like to know the number of fines / fixed penalty notices issued to drivers who were in excess of 100mph within the jurisdiction of Greater Manchester Police. Of these, how many vehicles were seized?

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 all hold the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format.

GMP would be unable to respond to the number of vehicles seized without carrying out a substantial manual review. A vehicle may be stopped and seized for several reasons and not solely because of excess speeds, such as anti-social use of a vehicle. There is no specific seizure for speeding. We would only seize the vehicle if we found other offences during the traffic stop. In the last 12months GMP have seized over 11,000 vehicles and each log would need to be checked to see if it mentions if speeds of 100MPH or more were a contributing factor. Due to the scale of review this request will not be able to be completed within the 18hrs permitted.

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 the removal of the 2nd part relating to the number of seized vehicles. 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.

Although excess costs remove GMP's obligations under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, as a gesture of goodwill I have supplied some information relative to your request that was retrieved before it was realised that the fees limit would be exceed (see below information). I hope that this is of use to you, but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fee's regulations for the remainder of your request.

Data provided is based on the last 12months up to 03/01/2025.

Number of detections over 100MPH across all GMP Districts – 619