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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/25/015036/E

I write in connection with your request for information dated 01/07/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I'd like to make a request regarding information on drivers being fined for not wearing their seatbelt in your area.

Specifically, I'd like to request information on the following:

- 1. How many drivers in total were fined for not wearing a seatbelt in your district from 1st July 2024 - 30th June 2025 (or closest 12 month period if data for this specific range is unavailable)?***
- 2. How many drivers between the ages of 17 and 29 were fined for not wearing a seatbelt in your district from 1st July 2024 - 30th June 2025 (or closest 12 month period if data for this specific range is unavailable)?***
- 3. The number of casualties caused by drivers not wearing a seatbelt in your district from 1st July 2024 - 30th June 2025 (or closest 12 month period if data for this specific range is unavailable)?***
- 4. The top 3 months where you reported the highest numbers of drivers being fined for not wearing a seatbelt in your district from 1st July 2024 - 30th June 2025 (or closest 12 month period if data for this specific range is unavailable)?***

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.

Question 1

Please note 'fines' are imposed by a court so for this information you would need to contact HMCTS.

The number of offences the CTO processed by way of fixed penalty procedure for the time frame is **3,156**.

Question 2

Of the above CTO offences, the total between 17 – 29 years old is **731**.

Question 3

There were **147** casualty records which the category 'Not Worn' was selected for 'seat belt usage' option.

Please note that many records may be blank or have 'not applicable' or 'unknown' selected.

In response to the request 'number of casualties **caused** by drivers not wearing a seatbelt' the figures do not indicate the cause. The figures present only the number of casualties not wearing a seatbelt, as an opinion from the person submitting the collision record information, in some cases this is self reported (member of the public) and as such errors can be made.

Question 4

Of the above total processed by the CTO, the 3 months where the most were detected were, April 2025, July 2024 and August 2024.