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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/014879/J

I write in connection with your request for information dated 03/06/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

- 1. The number of reported road traffic accidents, broken down by year, from 2020 to 2025.**
- 2. The number of reported road rage or aggressive driving incidents from 2020 to 2025.**
- 3. The number of recorded driving offences from 2020 to 2025, specifically:**

- ***Speeding***
- ***Use of a mobile phone while driving***
- ***Dangerous driving***
- ***Driving without insurance***
- ***Careless or Inconsiderate Driving***
- ***Driving under the influence (alcohol or drugs)***
- ***Driving whilst disqualified***
- ***Causing Death or Injury by Dangerous Driving***
- ***Any other driving offences that there are***

Please break down the data by year and local authority or city area if possible.

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 would be unable to respond to question 2 of this request without carrying out a substantial manual trawl of all the relevant records that fall in this questions category. . A road rage incident (reported incident log) would not have a closing code or any other way to identify it as such from incident data due to how this is recorded on our systems. To identify is an incident was recorded or

contained road rage as a factor would require checking multiple offences such as vehicle crime, road related offences, violence, dangerous driving among many more.

A soft search was completed which located more than 35,000 records over a 30 day period, therefore to run a search for the entirety of this time frame being asked would generate more records than could be handled under the 18hrs permitted to do so.

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 question 2. 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.

Please see some of the data below. – Please note not all searches have been carried out.

Question 1 - 2024/25* - (These numbers remain provisional until finalised and are subject to change*)

Collision Data	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025 Jan to May
Fatal	65	67	61	44	50	16
Serious	393	682	711	685	507	395
Slight	1929	2253	1983	1807	1850	739

From question 3.

- The below figures refer to arrests for drink or drug drive offences.

Note - that location is not available from the system

The below refer to arrests and not charges

2020	2549
2021	2907
2022	2594
2023	4669
2024	5435
2025 Jan to May	1718

- **Death or serious injury caused by unlawful driving**

Note that one event / rtc may result in multiple crimes recorded and the numbers do not refer to separate events

the below figures refer to recorded crimes and not charges

2020	65
2021	92
2022	88
2023	78
2024	83
2025 Jan to May	23