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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/014929/C

I write in connection with your request for information dated 13/06/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I am writing to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000:

1. The number of cars and vans stopped by your police force and/or the Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency (DVSA) for any driving offence in the most recent full calendar year for which data is available.

A. Please provide a breakdown by day of the week (i.e., Monday through Sunday).

B. For each day, please list the total number of offences recorded, and if available, the three most common types of offences on that day.

2. A breakdown of this data by geographical location, county, or region (whichever is most readily available).

3. The number of charges, fines, or penalty notices issued as a result of these stops, ideally also broken down by day of the week and/or offence type if possible.

If it is not possible to provide all the requested information within the statutory time limit, please prioritise items 1 and 2.

This request is part of research into trends around which days of the week people are most likely to be stopped and prosecuted for driving offences.

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 some of the information requested is held by GMP.

However, GMP does not hold some of the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format.

GMP would be unable to respond fully to this FOI request without carrying out a manual review for question 2. Due to the way in which the data is held on our systems, we would require a manual trawl of all the records, using mapping coordinates to establish the information required. Given there are thousands of records, this would not be achievable 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.

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 Q2. 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.

CAVEATS

1. A larger number of vehicles have been stopped for reasons other than 'Moving Traffic Offence' that are not included in the below total as per the wording of the FOI request. For example, reasons such as 'Directed Patrol Activity' or 'Crime Related Response' are not included here
2. It should be noted that the increasing trend should be viewed with caution. The system to record vehicle stops is new. It was rolled out across the force in May 2024 and as such it should be considered that during the initial phase of roll out and training not all stops will have been entered onto the system.

Question 1.

2024	
Jun	695
Jul	1575
Aug	1617
Sep	1369
Oct	1590
Nov	1706

Dec	2289
2025	
Jan	2240
Feb	2189
Mar	2358
Apr	2367
May	2363

1a.

Monday	3087
Tuesday	3378
Wednesday	3345
Thursday	3384
Friday	3281
Saturday	3118
Sunday	2765

1b. - Please see total stops sorted by highest ranked day of the week and by outcome of stop. A further breakdown of offence type is not recorded.

Thursday	3384
FPN / ToR / VDRS / s59 / GFPN	2382
Verbal Warn/advice	637
All in order (no offences committed)	141
Arrest (RTA)	117
Reported for summons	61
Arrest (Non-RTA - Driver)	20
Suspect - Further investigation required	13
Local Resolution	13
Tuesday	3378
FPN / ToR / VDRS / s59 / GFPN	2323
Verbal Warn/advice	646
All in order (no offences committed)	145
Arrest (RTA)	143
Reported for summons	62
Local Resolution	21
Arrest (Non-RTA - Driver)	20
Suspect - Further investigation required	18
Wednesday	3345
FPN / ToR / VDRS / s59 / GFPN	2297
Verbal Warn/advice	657

All in order (no offences committed)	156
Arrest (RTA)	137
Reported for summons	63
Arrest (Non-RTA - Driver)	13
Local Resolution	12
Suspect - Further investigation required	10
Friday	3281
FPN / ToR / VDRS / s59 / GFPN	2253
Verbal Warn/advice	658
Arrest (RTA)	137
All in order (no offences committed)	137
Reported for summons	59
Arrest (Non-RTA - Driver)	17
Suspect - Further investigation required	11
Local Resolution	9
Saturday	3118
FPN / ToR / VDRS / s59 / GFPN	1972
Verbal Warn/advice	681
Arrest (RTA)	175
All in order (no offences committed)	175
Reported for summons	69
Arrest (Non-RTA - Driver)	19
Local Resolution	14
Suspect - Further investigation required	13
Monday	3087
FPN / ToR / VDRS / s59 / GFPN	2152
Verbal Warn/advice	581
Arrest (RTA)	135
All in order (no offences committed)	117
Reported for summons	71
Arrest (Non-RTA - Driver)	16
Suspect - Further investigation required	10
Local Resolution	5
Sunday	2765
FPN / ToR / VDRS / s59 / GFPN	1801
Verbal Warn/advice	557
Arrest (RTA)	187
All in order (no offences committed)	118
Reported for summons	61

Arrest (Non-RTA - Driver)	18
Suspect - Further investigation required	12
Local Resolution	11

Question 2 – See exemption above.

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