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Our ref: 01/FOI/25/014473/R

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/014473/R**

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

*For calendar years 2020 - 2024, please provide:*

*1. The number of recorded Road Traffic Collisions (RTCs) involving a police vehicle and a non-police vehicle, where the police vehicle was responding to an incident with emergency warning equipment (blue lights and/or sirens) activated at the time of the collision.*

- a. Please exclude collisions involving pedestrians*
- b. Where possible, please indicate whether the collision occurred during a pursuit or en route to an incident.*

*2. For each year, please categorise RTCs by severity of the outcome as follows:*

*Damage Only*

*Personal Injury: further broken down by the number of individuals involved with injuries classified as:*

*Fatal*

*Serious*

*Slight*

*3. For each year, for vehicles involved in these collisions, advise on:*

*The number of police vehicles written off following such collisions*

*Police vehicle repair costs*

*The costs paid out to third parties for injuries/damage to their vehicles*

*If full data is not available for the entire period, please supply the information that is available and specify any gaps.*

## **Result of Searches**

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police (GMP) to locate information relevant to your request. I can confirm that the information you have requested is held by GMP.

However, GMP does not hold the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format. To provide the data requested about whether a police vehicle's emergency equipment was activated would require a manual review of all collision records marked on our system as PVI (Police Vehicle Involved).

A search of our records shows that for between 2021 and 2024 there were 3,230 PVI collisions that would need to be manually reviewed. At a very conservative estimate of 5 minutes to locate, retrieve and review each file it would take approximately 269 hours to ascertain the data required, and that would not even be for the full time range of your request, or include the time that would be required to answer your other questions.

Therefore, to comply with the whole of your request the process would take over 18 hours' work which exceeds the appropriate limit of £450.00, the amount to which we are legally required to respond.

As per section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the cost of providing you with the information is therefore 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 keep this within the fees limit, the information that you are requesting will need to be reduced to a greatly reduced time period. 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](mailto:freedomofinformation@gmp.police.uk)