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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/014508/L

I write in connection with your request for information dated 01/04/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding offences related to driving without a valid licence within your jurisdiction. Specifically, I would like to request the following data for the period between 1st January 2020 and 31st December 2024:

- 1. The total number of recorded offences where individuals were found to be driving without a valid licence***
- 2. The number of arrests made for driving without a valid licence***
- 3. The number of individuals who were caught driving with an expired licence***
- 4. The number of fines issued for driving without a licence, an expired licence or a valid licence, along with the total value of fines imposed***
- 5. The number of individuals who received a driving ban due to driving without a licence***
- 6. The number of cases involving breaches of provisional licence terms***

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.

Please note – GMP's Central Ticket office would only have records in respect of driving offences submitted to us for process by way of the fixed penalty procedure.

If a driver does not hold a valid licence, then they are not able to accept an offer of fixed penalty so the offence would not be referred to us to offer a fixed penalty.

However, there are a couple of offences where the driver may have a licence but is not driving in accordance with the conditions specified on it.

Question 1.

OFFENCE DESC	2022	2023	2024	2025
Drive a motor vehicle otherwise than in accordance with a licence - endorsable offence £100 fixed penalty	600	810	1234	367
Drive a motor vehicle otherwise than in accordance with a licence - non-endorsable offence £50 fixed penalty	5	9	2	1

Question 2.

Where we have a custody reference for the following offences, the totals are below. Note that some custody records will have more than one offence against that person, but the totals at the bottom refer to any type of offence from the list below that relates to driving without a licence (duplicates removed)

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Total
Offence Total	818	778	1087	1012	1079	4774

Question 3.

Data for this is within Q1 and 2.

Question 4

See Q1 - "driving otherwise than in accordance".

Question 5.

Driving bans would be imposed by HMCTS, please apply directly to HMCTS for such data.

Question 6.

These would fall under the above offences in Q1 and would not be listed as a separate offence. However, please see the data provided below which may assist.

OFFENCE DESC	2022	2023	2024	2025
Learner driver drive a vehicle while on motorway	5	2	23	4