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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/014542/N

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

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding road traffic collisions within your jurisdiction for the years 2022, 2023, and 2024.

We would like this data first at the total jurisdiction level and then broken down by the five most populous areas, as determined by the latest Census data.

1. Car Collisions

For your entire jurisdiction, please provide:

- *The total number of reported road traffic collisions each year.*
- *The most common roads where collisions occurred (top five per year).*
- *The postcode areas with the highest number of collisions (top five per year) and the postcode areas with the lowest number of collisions (bottom five).*
- *The primary contributory factors (e.g., speeding, reckless driving, driving under the influence, weather conditions, etc.).*
- *The make and model of vehicles involved in these collisions.*

For each of the five most populous areas within your area, please provide:

- *The number of reported road traffic collisions each year.*
- *The most common roads where collisions occurred (top five per year).*
- *The postcode areas with the highest number of collisions (top five per year).*
- *The primary contributory factors.*
- *The make and model of vehicles involved.*

2. Pedestrian Collisions

For your entire jurisdiction, please provide:

- *The total number of reported pedestrian-related collisions each year.*

- *The most common roads where pedestrian-related collisions occurred (top five per year).*
- *The postcode areas with the highest number of pedestrian-related collisions (top five per year) and the postcode areas with the lowest number of pedestrian-related collisions (bottom five per year).*
- *The types of pedestrian crossings where these collisions occurred (e.g., zebra crossings, signal-controlled crossings, uncontrolled crossings, etc.).*
- *The primary contributory factors.*

For each of the five most populous areas within your area please provide:

- *The number of pedestrian-related collisions each year.*
- *The most common roads where pedestrian-related collisions occurred (top five per year).*
- *The postcode areas with the highest number of pedestrian-related collisions (top five per year).*
- *The types of pedestrian crossings where these collisions occurred.*
- *The primary contributory factors.*

3. Cycling, E-Scooter, and Motorbike Collisions

For your entire jurisdiction, please provide:

- *The total number of reported road traffic collisions involving cyclists, e-scooters, and motorbikes each year.*
- *The most common roads where such collisions occurred (top five per year).*
- *The postcode areas with the highest number of these collisions (top five per year) and the postcode areas with the lowest number of these collisions (bottom five per year).*
- *The primary contributory factors.*

For each of the five most populous areas within your area, please provide:

- *The number of reported road traffic collisions involving cyclists, e-scooters, and motorbikes each year.*
- *The most common roads where such collisions occurred (top five per year).*
- *The postcode areas with the highest number of these collisions (top five per year).*
- *The primary contributory factors.*

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, if we hold it at all.

GMP would be unable to respond to this request using the five most populous areas, as determined by the latest Census data. This data is not recorded by GMP in a way that can answer this FOI. Therefore, GMP would need to undertake a substantial manual review and analysis to understand if we hold the information required. There's no drop down / tick box to sort the collision data by most populous areas, it would need to be mapped in multiple software systems and then if available cross referenced with the number of collisions. This response also applies to the parts seeking the most common roads as again this information is not recorded in such a manner for easy retrieving if held. This would be a substantial task regardless the timeframe and given this one spans multiple years, we would not be able to complete this request in full 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 to request the total number of collisions only. 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.

Part 1. (Car Collisions)

The total number of reported road traffic collisions each year.

- 2022 – 2475
- 2023 – 2259
- 2024 – 1587 (Please note data is only currently available until September 2024)

Part 2. (Pedestrian Collisions)

The total number of reported pedestrian-related collisions each year.

- 2022 – 658
- 2023 – 629
- 2024 – 395 (Please note data is only currently available until September 2024)

Part 3. (Cycling, E-Scooter, and Motorbike Collisions)

- Pedal Cycle where injury is recorded.
 - 2022 – 458
 - 2023 – 451
 - 2024 – 276 (Please note data is only currently available until September 2024)
- E-Scooter where injury is recorded.
 - 2022 – 32
 - 2023 – 12
 - 2024 – 9 (Please note data is only currently available until September 2024)
- Motorcycle where injury is recorded
 - 2022 – 173
 - 2023 – 179
 - 2024 – 148 (Please note data is only currently available until September 2024)