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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/014583/W

I write in connection with your request for information dated 10/04/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I am requesting information regarding incidents reported involving vehicles splashing pedestrians with water or mud, particularly on public roads or commonly used pedestrian routes within your jurisdiction.

Data on “Splashing” Pedestrians Offences and Hotspots

- 1. The number of incidents reported where vehicles splashed pedestrians (water, mud, etc.) from 2021 to 2025.***
 - i. Including if possible:***
 - 1. Age of offender/ Victim (e.g., under 18, 18-24, 25-34, 35-44, 45-54, 55-64, 65+)***
 - 2. Gender of offender/Victim***
 - 3. A brief description of what took place (if possible).***
 - a. Vehicle being driven***
 - b. Actions taken (Fines, penalties, warnings, arrests)***
 - c. Injury/Deaths (of offender/victim)***
 - d. Location of incidents such as crossings, junctions and school gates.***

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.

Splashing pedestrians does not have an offence in its own right, it would instead fall under the overarching offences of driving without due care and consideration. A search using CJS code RT88575 “driving a mechanically propelled vehicle on a road without due care and attention is an

offence under section 3 of the RTA 1988" has revealed over 750 records. To understand how many of these resulted in an arrest would require a manual review to be carried out. At a conservative estimate of 5 minutes per each record, it would take in excess of 62hrs to respond to this part of the request.

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 the arrest's outcome from this request and a reduction in the volume of information broken down that you require. 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.