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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/015646/Y

I write in connection with your request for information dated 11/10/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Under section 59 of the Police Reform Act 2002 (motor vehicles used in a manner which constitutes a specified offence and which causes, or is likely to cause, alarm, distress or annoyance to members of the public) the police have certain powers to seize and remove motor vehicles.

I refer you to section 60(1)(b) of Police Reform Act 2002 and The Police (Retention and Disposal of Motor Vehicles) Regulations 2002 as amended. These Regulations provide for the retention, safe keeping and disposal by the police or persons authorised by them, of vehicles seized under those powers. Under regulation 4, the authority having custody of the vehicle are obliged to take steps to give a notice to the person who owns the vehicle requiring him to claim the vehicle within 21 days. The notice must indicate that charges may be payable by that person and that the vehicle may be retained until these charges are paid.

REQUEST

Provide a specimen seizure notice.

Provide, if recorded data, the documents legally needed to recover the seized motor vehicle pursuant to s59 Police Reform Act 2002. I would expect these to be on the seizure notice.

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. The relevant form is provided at the end of this letter.

GREATER MANCHESTER POLICE**WARNING** ☐ **SEIZURE NOTICE** ☐

Driver/Rider _____

Address _____

Post code _____

VRM _____

Make _____

Model _____

Colour _____

if no VRM Eng no _____

Chassis no _____

Is driver owner

Yes ☐No ☐Present Yes ☐No ☐**Owner Details (if not driver/rider) Parent/Guardian details (in the case of a juvenile)**

Full name _____

Address _____

Post code _____

PNC confirmed

Yes ☐No ☐**OWNER SIGNATURE** _____
_____**WARNING / SEIZED (Location)** _____

Date _____

Time _____

FWN _____

AND IS NOW BEING KEPT AT (Garage) _____

RIDER/DRIVER Ethnicity

Self defined ☐Officer defined ☐

Sex M - F *

D.O.B. _____

I agree that the contents of this form are correct and I acknowledge receipt/warning.

Print name _____

Signature _____

Date _____

Statutory charges are payable for this vehicle which are currently

a) £_____ in respect of the vehicles removal; AND

b) £_____ for each period of 24 hrs or part thereof during which the vehicle is impounded.

AND THE VEHICLE MAY BE RETAINED UNTIL SUCH CHARGES ARE PAIDYou are **REQUIRED** to claim the vehicle on or before _____

(Insert date that is not less than 21 days from the date this notice is given).

AND UNLESS the vehicle is claimed on or before this date the police intend to dispose of it.

Issued by name _____

Collar no _____

Station _____

The above charges may be waived if the vehicle was not used by the person liable to pay and he or she did not know of that use of the vehicle, had not consented to that use and could not by taking reasonable steps, have prevented its use in that manner.

WARNING

READ CAREFULLY, YOUR VEHICLE IS UNDER THREAT OF BEING SEIZED

You have been given this notice because a Police Officer/Police Community Support Officer suspects you have been driving/riding in a careless or inconsiderate manner, contrary to Section 3 or 34 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 (Careless and inconsiderate driving or prohibition of off road driving). AND, the manner of your driving/riding is causing, has been causing, or is likely to cause alarm, distress or annoyance to members of the public.

You are hereby warned that if you, or any other person, continue to drive the same vehicle in the same way, or if you drive another vehicle in the same manner on any other occasion within the next twelve months, the vehicle **WILL** be seized under Section 59 of the Police Reform Act 2002.

WHAT THIS MEANS TO YOU

Your details will be recorded and held on the Police National Computer. If you are stopped driving/riding again in a similar manner, the officer will be informed you already have a warning and whatever vehicle you are driving on that occasion **WILL** be seized. This warning against you as a person lasts for 12 months and is valid across the whole country. This warning commences **IMMEDIATELY!**

WHAT THIS MEANS TO THE VEHICLE

The details of the vehicle are also recorded and if it is driven / ridden in a similar manner by any person, within 12 months it **WILL** be seized.

If you are not the owner of the vehicle, you are advised to inform them of the warning recorded against the vehicle. Likewise if anyone else drives the vehicle they too should be informed.

Once a vehicle has been seized, it will be taken immediately to the Duty Garage Car Pound. You will have to pay recovery costs and storage fees to obtain release of the vehicle. On top of this you could face court action for driving/riding offences, possibly resulting in fines, penalty points and disqualifications. Think carefully before you continue to drive / ride or allow someone to drive / ride in this manner.