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**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/015652/W**

I write in connection with your request for information dated 14/10/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

*1) Can you please provide a count of sexual offences by taxi and PVH drivers for the last three financial years (2022/23, 2023/24 and 2024/25).*

*1a) Can these statistics please be categorised by:*

- Month
- Nature of offence
- Time of day

**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 would involve a manual search of all rape and other sexual offences crimes where the MO keywords "taxi" or "private hire" appear to determine which relate to crimes where the driver is the suspect or offender, rather than crimes committed against the driver or between two passengers.

A search of our crime records shows that there are 240 crime records that would have to be reviewed. At a very conservative estimate of 5 minutes to locate, retrieve and review each file it would take approximately 20 hours to ascertain the data required.

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).