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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/015529/U

I write in connection with your request for information dated 23/09/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

A driver in the UK may be charged with an offence for driving too SLOWLY, typically recorded as 'careless driving' or 'dangerous driving'.

- 1. How many careless driving/dangerous case/driving offences have been recorded by your force that also reference driving too 'slow' or too 'slowly'.***
- 2. Could I have a breakdown of those figures going back five years (specifically for the years 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025 so far).***
- 3. Of any recorded cases, are you able to state the name of the road in which the offence took place.***
- 4. If possible, please state the AGE of the driver charged with the offence***
- 5. Please also provide any details about the nature of the charge (ie, fine, fixed penalty notice, etc).***

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.

GMP record offences on to the national fixed penalty system using the actual offence codes i.e., the overarching due care and consideration offences, and not the circumstances and so we cannot search the national system for an offence of driving too "slow" "slowly" as there is no field in the system for such a descriptive to be entered. Therefore, the only way to respond to this FOI would be to manual review all driving offences that fit the criteria for this request to see if the officer has recorded the individual circumstances surrounding the original offence on the form that is submitted to the CTO for processing such as slow, slowly or their own description. In the time frame requested, there have been

over 17,000 records found for due care offences and so to trawl through each of these would exceed the 18hrs permitted to reply.

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.

In this instance, due to such a large number of offences likely even with a reduced timeframe Greater Manchester Police will be unable to provide advice for you to reduce the request in order for the force to keep this within the fees limit in accordance with Section 16(1), the duty to provide advice and assistance, of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.