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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/25/015087/P

I write in connection with your request for information dated 11/07/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I have been provided with your email address so hope this request will find you well.

Essentially, I was hoping to submit an FOI request as part of my research process in relation to a few sets of data. Specifically;

- 1. How many of your officers are trained to utilise blue lights when driving (trained to response driving course standard)?*
- 2. How many of your officers are currently awaiting their response driving course (blue light course)?*
- 3. Do any policies / process exist in Greater Manchester Police that decide on when these driving courses will be delivered to officers?*
- 4. Lastly, how many immediate incidents fail to meet your force's target time (if there is no force set target time, the national target time for immediate incidents)?*

In requesting this data, I will look to draw comparisons at a number of factors, and hope to establish if there is a relationship between having more officers trained to the standard driving level and more often meeting target times in attending incidents.

To do this, I have requested a large data set from my own force and hope to research the level of correlation between these figures in order to suggest improvements or cost savings.

*I hope all of the above makes sense, and is correctly directed to your team.
Any issues please let me know, and I hope to speak soon.*

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police (GMP) to locate the requested information. I can confirm the information requested is held by GMP.

Question 1

Total 4,420

Question 2

The information requested is not held centrally. There is no automatic right for this course, so not every officer requires it, or they could require it at a different stage of their career. An estimate would be approximately 1,500 officers are eligible for this course who do not currently hold the skill.

Question 3

There is no set policy. An annual training plan on driving courses is agreed each year and the Driver Training Unit release courses to districts periodically based districts with the greatest need.

Question 4

As no time parameters have been provided, we have provided data for the last 13 months.

Caveats:

In July 2019, GMP implemented one of the largest IT infrastructure changes in UK policing. The systems are in continual development and the data provided for this request is what the systems currently hold.

General

This data contains incidents with a created date between 01/06/2024 and 30/06/2025, excluding incidents with a closing code of L10 Duplicate, L19 Error or L22 Test or training.

We have counted incidents as attended where the earliest arrival timestamp field is not blank.

Counts and proportions of incidents with no recorded arrival are presented as a data quality measure. The fact that arrival was not recorded does not necessarily mean that an incident was not attended. Equally, it is not possible to assume that all incidents with no recorded arrival were attended.

Data for graded response are sourced using the latest incident grade and the latest incident type, unless otherwise stated (e.g. in the initial vs latest grade sheet).

For each incident, the attendance time is defined as the difference between the earliest arrival date/time - where recorded - and the latest grade date/time.

Attendance time = earliest arrival timestamp – latest grade timestamp

Grade 1 – Immediate	Jun 24	Jul 24	Aug 24	Sep 24	Oct 24	Nov 24	Dec 24	Jan 25	Feb 25	Mar 25	Apr 25	May 25	Jun 25
Recorded Incident Count	11,423	12,292	11,937	10,548	10,124	9,562	10,388	9,743	9,210	11,007	11,413	12,100	12,134
Incidents Attended within Target	10,247	11,124	11,133	9,756	9,431	9,002	9,897	9,211	8,754	10,387	10,865	11,462	11,472
Incidents attended outside target	1,161	1,147	787	776	677	546	488	523	451	575	538	633	620