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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/25/015466/W

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

REQUEST 1:

What would you like to know?: 1) Between 01/06/2024 and 01/06/2025 how many Police Vehicle Road Traffic collisions have occurred ?

2) During the above time period, how many were the Police at fault for?

3) During the above period, how many Police officers who were at fault for the collision were reported for driving offences ?

4) During the above period, how many Police Officers who were at fault for the collision was there was no further action was taken against them.

REQUEST 2:

What would you like to know?: 1) What is Greater Manchester Police policy on investigating Road Traffic Collisions ?

2) What is Greater Manchester Police Communications (OCB) policy / procedure when a member of the public contacts them to report a collision.

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.

Request 1

Caveats:

- Data has been manually counted from data held on the Driving Standards database.
- Policy requires **ALL** Police Vehicle Collisions (PVC's) and Police Involved Collisions (PIC's) to be reported to Driver Standards.
PVC = Police vehicle involved in a collision
PIC = Police involvement (presence only), but no collision with a Police vehicle.
- As per the request, I have provided data for PVC's only. Total PVC's will include all recorded collisions involving a GMP vehicle regardless of outcome.
- With regard 'at fault'; this is not terminology used by GMP. Every Driver Standards review is assessed against the Prescribed Training Regulations 2022 and an assessment made as to whether the collision was Avoidable, Unavoidable, or was due to Tactical Contact (I.E. deliberate use of tactic or force to achieve a lawful legitimate task).
- I respond to the question asked for total collisions and then figures for those deemed Avoidable only. For clarity, I have included those that would count as PVC's, however were deliberate tactical contact rather than a driving standards issue.
- Total will include all recorded collisions regardless of outcome.
- I have deducted duplicates – a record is made for each driver involved; I.E if 3 police vehicles were involved, 3 records would exist. To give a realistic response, I have counted the incident occurrences reported, not the duplicate number of officers involved. (7 duplicates removed from the total; however not from the outcomes.)

Total PVC all outcomes/instances	683
Avoidable	394
Tactical	92
Prosecution/Out of Court Disposal	1
Other Outcome – Intervention by GMP	261

Request 2

- 1) What is Greater Manchester Police policy on investigating Road Traffic Collisions?**
 - 2) What is Greater Manchester Police Communications (OCB) policy / procedure when a member of the public contacts them to report a collision.**
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Question 1 – There is no specific policy relating to investigating a Road Traffic Collision.

Question 2

Relevant extract from “Road Traffic Collision Reporting Procedure July 2025”

5.2.1 Force Contact, Crime and Operations Branch (FCCO)

The Force Contact, Crime and Operations (FCCO), call handler and radio dispatchers must adhere to the Incident Response Policy and Procedure.

If police attendance is not required, but it is a recordable collision, FCCO should advise the caller:

- To exchange drivers' names and addresses, names and addresses of the registered keeper of the vehicle (if different) and the vehicle registration number. If the collision involves personal injury, then insurance details must also be exchanged. If the driver is unable to produce their insurance documents at the scene they must report the incident at a police station within 24 hours of the incident, producing their insurance certificate at the same time or within seven days of the incident date;*
- That the police will not attend the scene if the incident does not need recording. If the caller still wishes to see a police officer, advise them to visit a police station but that an officer may not be available to speak to them as it is a non-recordable collision;*
- If the collision is where one of the parties has failed to stop and/or not given the required details, establish if the collision is recent. If not, are there any reasons, such as evidence retrieval, as to why an officer should visit the scene. If there is a positive line of enquiry Log number must be created, and details placed on the Log for attention of the Road Traffic Collision Investigation Unit (RTCIU).*

Relevant extract from "Incident Response Policy & Procedure September 2025"

5.3 GMP Graded Service Levels

Grade 1 - Immediate - Attendance within 15 minutes.

These incidents will be assessed as High Risk using the THRIVE assessment.

When the contact relates to traffic collisions it should be dealt with as an immediate if:

- It involves, or is likely to involve serious personal injury;*
- The road is blocked on a Strategic Road Network, or there is dangerous or excessive build-up of traffic.*

Grade 2 - Priority Response - Attendance within 1 hour.

These incidents will be assessed as Medium Risk using the THRIVE assessment.

These typically arise where:

- There are injuries or a serious obstruction at the scene of a road collision;*