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**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/015506/N**

I write in connection with your request for information dated 17/09/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

*I am currently examining the use of driving simulation technology within police driver training. I would like to request the following information where possible to aid with the research I am conducting.*

- 1. Does this police force use any form of driving simulation technology in training its drivers?**
- 2. Which driving courses, basic, standard or advanced this technology is applied to?**
- 3. Has the use of this technology completely replaced on the road driver training or sections of this?**
- 4. Has the use of simulators had an affect on the cost of driver training and if so, what were those affects?**
- 5. What format of simulator is used? Example of this would be one screen, steering wheel and pedals.**
- 6. Any information on how many road traffic collisions involving police vehicles within your force took place in 2024.**
- 7. Any information on how many of those road traffic collisions were deemed to be the fault of the police driver.**
- 8. Any information on how many of those road traffic collisions took place during driver training.**
- 9. Any information on how much the road traffic collisions deemed to be the fault of the police driver cost the police force.**
- 10. How many/ if any of those road traffic collisions ended in injury or fatality?**

*Any information available would be greatly appreciated.*

### **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 some of the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format.

GMP would be unable to respond accurately to **question 8** without completing a manual review of all the recorded collisions as this information is not searchable in another way. Our systems do not break down if a collision was caused by a police officer or student in driver training, and so this would be the only way to differentiate this information. There have been over 700 recorded collisions, and to review each one would exceed the 18hrs permitted to respond.

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.

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 attempt to keep this within the fees limit, the information you are requesting will need revising with a reduced time frame. However, 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).

Although excess costs remove GMP's obligations under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, as a gesture of goodwill I have supplied some information relative to your request that was retrieved before it was realised that the fees limit would be exceed (see below information). I hope that this is of use to you, but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fee's regulations for the remainder of your request.

1. No
2. N/A
3. N/A
4. N/A
5. N/A

Questions 6/7/10.

- GMP do not record with the terminology 'fault'. We record collisions as avoidable or unavoidable.
- Data based on Police involved collisions reported to GMP Driver Standards.
- Due to some low results, some data has been replaced with X, as by providing all this information as you have requested would significantly increase the likelihood of identifying the individual(s) concerned, and as such the exemption under S40(2) – Personal Information, would be engaged and result in information being refused. By replacing the data this way, it can be provided in its entirety.

### **PVC's (Police vehicle directly involved in a collision) 2024**

| <u>Month</u> | <u>Total collisions</u> | <u>Avoidable</u> | <u>Tactical contact</u> | <u>Minor injury</u> | <u>Serious Injury</u> | <u>Fatality</u> |
|--------------|-------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| January      | 64                      | 32               | 8                       | 6                   | 0                     | 0               |

|           |    |    |    |   |   |   |
|-----------|----|----|----|---|---|---|
| February  | 57 | 36 | X  | 8 | X | 0 |
| March     | 57 | 28 | X  | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| April     | 58 | 36 | X  | 8 | 0 | 0 |
| May       | 59 | 35 | 5  | 5 | X | 0 |
| June      | 65 | 38 | 8  | 6 | X | 0 |
| July      | 62 | 26 | 8  | X | X | 0 |
| August    | 45 | 24 | 8  | X | X | 0 |
| September | 64 | 32 | 13 | X | X | 0 |
| October   | 68 | 40 | X  | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| November  | 58 | 30 | 7  | 6 | X | 0 |
| December  | 65 | 36 | 5  | 6 | 0 | 0 |

**PIA's (Police Involved due to presence/interaction/pursuit etc but not directly involved in a collision) 2024**

| <u>Month</u> | <u>Total collisions</u> | <u>Minor injury</u> | <u>Serious Injury</u> | <u>Fatality</u> |
|--------------|-------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| January      | 40                      | 6                   | 0                     | 0               |
| February     | 35                      | X                   | X                     | 0               |
| March        | 30                      | X                   | X                     | 0               |
| April        | 31                      | X                   | X                     | 0               |
| May          | 33                      | X                   | X                     | 0               |
| June         | 36                      | 5                   | X                     | 0               |
| July         | 43                      | X                   | X                     | X               |
| August       | 37                      | 6                   | X                     | 0               |
| September    | 47                      | X                   | 0                     | 0               |
| October      | 47                      | 7                   | X                     | 0               |
| November     | 41                      | X                   | 0                     | 0               |
| December     | 42                      | X                   | X                     | X               |