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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/015565/Y

I write in connection with your request for information dated 30/09/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Please disregard my email from two weeks ago regarding e-bike crimes. I understand this is beyond the payable remit.

I have simplified the question into two sections please so I hope this helps:

- 1. Can you list the number of offences last year where an e-bike has been used by a suspect to commit a crime;***
- 2. Can you list the number of offences last year where an e-scooter has been used by a suspect to commit a crime;***
- 3. Can you list the number of offences last year where an e-bike has been used by a suspect to commit a crime over the last 3-5 years (whichever is most financially obtainable);***
- 4. Can you list the number of offences last year where an e-scooter has been used by a suspect to commit a crime over the last 3-5 years (whichever is most financially obtainable);***

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.

There is no specific flag to identify where an e-bike or e-scooter was used to commit a crime, and so the only way to search our records would be to manually review all crimes to see if it has been recorded that an E-bike or E-scooter was used. We have attempted a keyword search using E-bike or E-scooter in crime mo description or crime description where the crime was created over the last year and there are over 300 results. Given your time frame is 3-5 years this request would exceed 18hrs 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.

In this instance, with this being the 2nd FOI of this nature and both have resulted in a S12 refusal, 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.

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