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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/015410/G

I write in connection with your request for information dated 28/08/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I am writing to request data from your systems that provide details of how often 'blue light' vehicles are sent on emergency callouts, and the subsequent waiting times experienced for these units to arrive on scene.

If it is available separately, I am also hoping to receive insights into the quantity of relevant 'blue light' vehicle units in each fleet, and current vehicle status.

Notes:

- When defining 'emergency callouts', please focus on grade 1 emergency response only [or equivalent, if other categorisation]***
- When defining 'blue light' vehicles, please consider all relevant vehicle types (e.g. police cars, vans, and motorbikes) which might be sent to these emergency callouts***

Therefore, I would like to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000:

Please provide the below data, specifically in relation to relevant 'blue light' (emergency services) vehicles for the entity:

- 1. Call out quantities // the number of call outs that resulted in a 'blue light' vehicle being sent to scene (e.g. grade 1 emergency response) - broken down for each individual date in a recent 12-month period***

- 2. Average wait times // the average wait time for emergency call outs, duration between receiving the call to a 'blue light' vehicle arriving on scene (e.g. grade 1 emergency response) - broken down for each individual date in a recent 12-month period**
- 3. Vehicle units in fleet // the total number of 'blue light' vehicles in the current fleet (as of 27/08/2025) and how many were in the fleet on 27/08/2024**
- 4. Units out of action // the total number of 'blue light' vehicles in the current fleet that have been 'out of action' at any point and for any reason during 2025 to date (up to 27/08/2025), plus the total number that were 'out of action' on 27/08/2025 (if any)**

Date considerations:

- If 'a recent 12-month period' has been requested, please use 28/08/2024-27/08/2025 where possible *If this date range is not available, please use the most recent consecutive 12-month period with data available (and confirm what range has been used in this case)
- **Note: If a 12-month range is 'out of scope' due to cost limitations, please provide the information for Q4 2024 only (01/10/2024-31/12/2024)
- If 27/08/2025 and/or 27/08/2024 has been specifically requested, please use these dates where possible *If this date is not available for these specific dates, please use the most recent date with data available (and confirm what date has been used in this case)

My understanding is that the data requested for points 1. and 2. can be exported from the management system, and that is my intention in the request, allowing it to be simply coded or exported.

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, I am not obliged to supply all the information requested as exemption applies.

When refusing to provide such information because an exemption applies, Section 17(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires GMP, to provide you - the applicant - with a notice which: (a) states that fact, (b) specifies the exemption in question and (c) states (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies.

Question 3 is exempt under **section 21 – Information accessible to applicant by other means**. The response to this question is available online. Please follow the link below.

[foi.25.015167.o-police-vehicles-with-blue-lights.pdf](https://www.gmp.police.uk/foi/25.015167.o-police-vehicles-with-blue-lights.pdf)

Please see the remaining information for disclosure.

Information has been provided from the Record of contact with GMP.

Questions 1 and 2.

Due to operational sensitivities, the data below has been provided in a monthly breakdown, as by providing all the data requested in a daily breakdown as you have asked would risk a refusal under S31 being applied. By providing the data in this way allows for it to be disclosed.

	<u>Q1) Grade 1 Quantities</u>	<u>Q2) Average Attendance time</u>
	<i>Number of Records of Contacts created where there is a recorded arrival time. Filter - First grade is recorded as Grade 1 Immediate</i>	<i>Average attendance time from Records of Contact created to earliest arrival time. Filter - First grade is recorded as Grade 1 Immediate</i>
Sep-24	10237	0:14:26
Oct-24	9711	0:13:01
Nov-24	9244	0:12:38
Dec-24	9637	0:11:43
Jan-25	9488	0:11:51
Feb-25	8917	0:11:46
Mar-25	10601	0:12:22
Apr-25	11017	0:11:42
May-25	11740	0:12:09
Jun-25	11666	0:12:53
Jul-25	12465	0:12:28
Aug-25	12361	0:12:14