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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/015482/W

I write in connection with your request for information dated 12/09/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I am seeking access to any archived footage or recorded data related to vehicle pursuits (car chases) conducted by your force between January 2020 and December 2024.

If raw video footage is unavailable due to retention policies or exemptions, I would be grateful for:

- 1. Summaries or logs of vehicle pursuit incidents during that time*
- 2. Details such as date, time, general location, duration, and outcome*
- 3. Information on your force's policy for the retention and archiving of dashcam, bodycam, or CCTV footage in such cases*

This request is part of an independent research project examining public safety and police pursuit policies in the UK. I fully understand that some material may be redacted to protect privacy or operational sensitivities.

If any part of the request is too broad, I'd be happy to refine it.

Thank you for your time. I look forward to your response within the statutory time frame.

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 some of the information requested is held by GMP.

However, GMP does not hold the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format.

Gmp would be unable to respond to this request in full without carrying out a substantial manual review of each log recorded where a Police Pursuit qualifier has been added for **question 1**. Each requested summary can only be obtained from trawling through the logs individually to extract the required information. This information is not stored centrally anywhere within GMP systems. There are over 5,000 logs that would fall into this review and as such this would exceed the time limits set in the FOIA to reply.

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, 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.

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 exceeded (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.

Question 2.

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires Greater Manchester Police, when refusing to provide such information (because this information is exempt) 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.

This question is exempted from disclosure under **Section 40(2) Personal Information** – this information constitutes personal data of an identifiable living individual/s, and to disclose this information would breach the principles of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018. Personal data is defined by Section 1 of the Data Protection Act 2018 and means data that relates to an individual who can be identified directly or indirectly from that data.

Section 40 is an absolute exemption with no requirement to complete a public interest test.

Question 3.

GMP does not have a policy specifically for recovering dash cams in pursuits.