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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/015514/N

I write in connection with your request for information dated 18/09/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

- 1. The number of recorded crimes involving electric bicycles (e-bikes) for each year from 2019 to the most recent available year.**
- 2. A breakdown of the types of crimes in which e-bikes were involved (e.g. theft, robbery, assault, drug offences, etc.).**
- 3. If available, a breakdown of this data by town or local policing area within your jurisdiction.**
- 4. Any internal assessments or reports regarding the rise or trend in e-bike-related crimes over this period.**

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.

GMP would be unable to respond to this request without conducting a manual review on all the recorded crimes since 2019. While we can provide the number of crimes such as burglary, theft offences etc, we cannot provide how many of these included "e-bikes" as this information is not recorded in any searchable field on our system. The review will need to investigate each crimes log to see if this was recorded by the operator or the officer in charge. There is over 1.9 million records in your chosen time frame and so this request will not be able to be completed.

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.

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