

Date: 23rd March 2026
Our ref: FOI/26/016204/B

I write in connection with your request for information dated 19/01/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

As a freedom of information request, please provide the following information, for each calendar year from 2019 to 2025 inclusive.

- 1) The number of road traffic collisions (RTCs) involving vehicles owned by the force for each calendar year***
- 2) Total damage in pounds caused to the force's police vehicles in collisions for each calendar year***
- 3) The number of the force's vehicles which were written off as a result of RTCs for each calendar year***
- 4) The number of incidents, where other vehicles were damaged, where the force accepted liability by year***
- 5) If available, the number of people injured in RTC's involving police vehicles, split by whether they were a member of the force or the public and calendar year***

For further clarity, I would like the annual totals collated by the date of the accident please. If there are concerns regarding the cost of gathering the information, prioritise the questions 1, 2 and 3.

If it is not possible to provide the information requested due to the information exceeding the cost of compliance limits identified in Section 12, please provide advice and assistance, under the Section 16 obligations of the Act, as to how I can refine my request.

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police (GMP) to locate information relevant to your request. I can confirm that the information you have requested is held by GMP.

However, GMP does not hold the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format. The information requested in question 4 and 5 is not held centrally. To determine if the force accepted liability and whether the casualty is a civilian member of the public or a force employee would require a manual review of each collision record. From an initial search there has been a total of 6,919 accidents involving vehicles owned by the force. As such, it is anticipated it would take in excess of 18 hours to provide the requested information.

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 keep this within the fees limit, the information that you are requesting will need to be reduced. For example, removal of question 4 and 5. 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

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 fees regulations for the remainder of your request.

Year	Number of Accidents	Sum of Costs
2019	1,027	£914,978.06
2020	1,055	£845,247.45
2021	1,052	£906,469.63
2022	830	£1,069,804.51
2023	965	£1,420,633.11
2024	1,029	£1,262,911.93
2025	961	£1,284,465.25
Total	6,919	£7,704,509.94

Year	Number of Write Offs
2019	35
2020	37
2021	15
2022	31
2023	40
2024	56
2025	44