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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/26/016437/Q

I write in connection with your request for information dated 21/02/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I am making this request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I am seeking information to understand the rationale for enforcement of mobile phone offences during rush hour periods, particularly where vehicles are stationary in traffic.

Please provide, for the period 1 January 2024 to 31 October 2025:

- 1. Any policy documents, operational briefings, or guidance (excluding routine emails) that refer specifically to targeting mobile phone use during peak traffic hours or stationary/slow-moving traffic conditions.*
- 2. Any documents or reports that set out the objectives or intended outcomes of such operations (e.g. road safety, casualty reduction, compliance, or other stated aims).*
- 3. The number of fixed penalty notices issued for mobile phone offences during designated peak traffic hours (if such a breakdown is recorded).*
- 4. Any documents that refer to the financial impact, income, or revenue associated with mobile phone enforcement operations conducted during peak hours.*

Please provide the information in electronic format (PDF or spreadsheet).

If this request exceeds the cost limit, please advise how it may be refined.

Thank you for your assistance.

Result of Searches

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

Question 1 – GMP does not have a specific policy or operation dedicated to mobile phone use during peak traffic hours.

Question 2 – As above, no specific policy. GMP does subscribe to Vision Zero. Information relating to Vision Zero is available in the public domain on the Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM) website.

Question 3

As you have not specified what you deem as 'peak traffic hours' I have provided the offence totals that have been processed by the CTO between 7am – 9am and 4pm -6pm:

Time	Total
7am – 9am	918
4pm – 6pm	2,296

Question 4

"Income/Revenue" is payments of fixed penalties go to HM Treasury not GMP. For further information on the impact, you need to redirect your request to HM Treasury.

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