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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/016462/R

I write in connection with your request for information dated 25/02/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

1. The number of recorded offences Greater Manchester Police recorded for driving without a valid motorcycle license in:

- a. 2020***
- b. 2021***
- c. 2022***
- d. 2023***
- e. 2024***
- f. 2025***

2. The number of recorded offences Greater Manchester Police recorded for dangerous motorcycle driving in the following years:

- a. 2020***
- b. 2021***
- c. 2022***
- d. 2023***
- e. 2024***
- f. 2025***

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 are unable to respond to this FOI without carrying out a manual review across thousands of driving offences as there is no specific legislation to specify the type of vehicle. We do not record

anywhere centrally the information that directly matches this FOI and so this would be the only method to extract this data. Due to the scale of this review, it will exceed 18hrs to respond.

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 attempt to keep this within the fees limit, the information you are requesting will need revising with the specific legislation, Home office or CJSS codes being provided. However, 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.