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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/017293/W

I write in connection with your request for information dated 22/07/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I am requesting data regarding the enforcement of vehicle lighting offences, specifically focusing on non-compliant, aftermarket, or dazzling headlamps (e.g., retrofitted LED or HID bulbs in halogen housings). Please could you provide the following information for the last six calendar years (2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024) broken down by year:

1. The total number of Traffic Offence Reports (TORs) and Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs) issued for the following specific CJS offence code:
o RL89171: Use a motor vehicle on a road where the aim of the headlamp beam was used to cause undue dazzle / discomfort.

2. If your electronic recording system allows for a keyword search within the free-text "officer notes" or "offence particulars" field without exceeding the Section 12 cost limit, please provide the number of the above offences (or general lighting offences) where the officer notes contain any of the following keywords:

- o "LED"***
- o "HID"***
- o "Xenon"***
- o "Aftermarket"***
- o "Retrofit"***

3. The total number of Vehicle Defect Rectification Scheme (VDRS) notices or PG9 Prohibition notices issued specifically for non-compliant front headlamps.

If providing data for Question 2 or Question 3 triggers the Section 12 cost limit, please discard those questions and proceed with answering Question 1 alone. If providing data for the first

part of the question triggers the Section 12 cost limit, please prioritise the most recent years listed.

I would prefer to receive this information in an electronic format, such as Excel or CSV. Please provide a column for the following: Year, number of TORs and number of FPNs. If also answering question 3, please also include a column of the number of offenses where the above terms were included.

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.

Question 1.

The national processing system weeds offences after 5 years so the figures from 2019 – 2022 may not be complete.

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Use a motor vehicle on a road where the aim of the headlamp beam was used to cause undue dazzle / discomfort	1	2	1	4	8	9	10	8

Question 2.

No information held – GMP do not record this information when processing TORs.

Question 3.

No information held.