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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/017309/N

I write in connection with your request for information dated 27/07/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Please could you provide the number of vehicles seized by GMP under section 59 of the Police Reform Act 2002, for each of the last five financial years, and by calendar month for the most recent 12 months held.

If you also record how many Vehicle Defect Rectification Scheme notices were issued each year, I would like those figures too.

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. GMP only started using our current vehicle recovery system on 06/04/2023. To provide the data requested prior to this date relating to vehicle seizures would involve a manual search of individual vehicle seizure records. Therefore, to comply with the whole of your request the process would take over 18 hours' work which exceeds the appropriate limit of £450.00, the amount to which we are legally required to respond.

As per section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the cost of providing you with the information is therefore 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. If one part of the request engages a Section 12 response, the whole request will engage a Section 12 response.

The reason being is locating, retrieving and extracting any further information would only add to the already exceeded time obligations and so no other searches have been completed at this stage.

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. For the force to keep this within the fees limit, the information that you are requesting will need to be reduced to the period of time after 06/04/2023. 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.