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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/016097/Q

I write in connection with your request for information dated 05/01/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Freedom of Information Request - Road Traffic Accidents in Blackrod Dear Sir/Madam, On behalf of Blackrod Town Council, I am writing to formally request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

We have received a significant number of concerns from residents and elected members regarding what appears to be an increased frequency of road traffic accidents occurring in and around the village of Blackrod. In order to support our efforts in understanding and addressing these concerns, we are seeking the following information:

Request Details:

1. Location of Interest:

The following junctions, in order of priority:

1. *Junction of Scot Lane and Manchester Road*
2. *Junction of A6 and Manchester Road*
3. *Junction of A6 and Dark Lane*
4. *Junction of A6 and Grimeford Lane*
5. *Junction of A6 and Chorley Road*

2. Time Period Requested:

Data from 1st April 2015 to 1st April 2025.

3. Information Requested:

* *The number of road traffic collisions/incidents attended by [insert organisation name] at the above location during the specified time period.*

* *Where available, please provide a breakdown of:*

- o *Date and time of each incident*
- o *Nature/severity of each incident (e.g., slight injury, serious injury, fatality, or damage-only)*

- o Whether other emergency services were involved (if applicable)
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Blackrod Town Council is committed to improving road safety within our community. We are aware that Bolton Council has signed up to the Vision Zero initiative, which aims to eliminate all deaths and life-changing injuries on roads by 2040. In light of this, our council believes that understanding the specific factors contributing to the increasing number of road traffic incidents in Blackrod will be crucial in supporting this important commitment. By identifying patterns and addressing potential problem areas, we hope to make valuable contributions towards achieving this ambitious and essential goal.

We appreciate that some elements may be subject to redaction for privacy or operational reasons, and we are happy to accept anonymised data.

If this request falls outside the scope of your responsibilities, we would be grateful if you could advise or forward it to the appropriate agency.

Should you require any clarification or further information to process this request, please do not hesitate to contact me via the details provided above.

We look forward to your response within the statutory 20 working day period.

Yours faithfully,

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. There is no specific incident opening code for reports of a Road Traffic Collision and the most likely code to be used is 'T01 – Transport related offences / incidents', however this may not always be the case. To provide the data requested relating to whether GMP or any other emergency service attended the incident would involve a manual search of all T01 incidents recorded in Blackrod between 01/04/2015 and 01/04/2025. This is 2,658 incidents that would have to be manually reviewed, as not all will relate to collisions and not all will have been attended. At a very conservative estimate of 5 minutes to locate, retrieve and review each file it would take approximately 221 hours to ascertain the data required.

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.

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 to a greatly reduced time period. 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.

Transport for Greater Manchester publish an interactive map of all reported collisions in Greater Manchester. This contains collisions since 2015. This resource can be accessed here: [GM road accidents](#)

Additionally, the Department for Transport publishes a similar interactive map for collisions nationally. This can be accessed here: [MAVRIC](#)

Some further information that may be of use is published by the Department of Transport here: [Collision Analysis Tool](#).

Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service and the North West Ambulance Service may have further information relevant to your request and I advise that you also contact each of them.