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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/016116/C

I write in connection with your request for information dated 07/01/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Hello - I'm looking into the number of cars registered through the Motability Scheme which have been seized by road policing units (RPUs) across the UK.

Please provide the following information under the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act.

Q1. How many Motability cars were seized by the Greater Manchester Police RPU in each year from 2019-2020 until the latest full year available?

Q2. How many Motability cars were returned to Motability Operations after being seized by the Greater Manchester Police RPU from 2019-2020 until the latest full year available? (If the same number as Q1 please indicate).

Q3. Please provide as many details as possible for the reasons the car was seized by Greater Manchester Police in each case. If details for each case is not possible, please indicate the range of reasons Motability cars have been seized by the force RPU since 2019-20.

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 would be unable to respond to this FOI request within the costs limits laid out in the FOIA, without carrying out a substantial review of each vehicle seizure from 2019-2020. The reasons for this are due to how the seizures are recorded on GMP systems and that we are unable to breakdown if the vehicle was mobility or not as its not held in a central location. During your requested time frame, over

42,000 vehicle seizures took place and to review each of these would far exceed the 18hrs permitted to do so.

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.

In this instance, due to scale of any review, Greater Manchester Police will be unable to provide advice for you to reduce the request in order for the force to keep this within the fees limit in accordance with Section 16(1), the duty to provide advice and assistance, of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.