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**Our ref:** 01/FOI/26/016329/N

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/016329/N**

I write in connection with your request for information dated 06/02/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

***Please may you provide me with the following data:***

- 1a) A count of assault offences where the victim is a taxi driver / private hire driver and the offender is a passenger for the time period between 1 January 2021 to 1 January 2026;***
- 1b) Please break this down into the types of offence;***
- 1c) Please also provide outcomes for the above.***

***Please provide the information in the form of an excel spreadsheet, divided into years.***

**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 request due to how the data for such crimes is recorded. We're unable to determine the occupation of victim without a manual review of all the violence against the person crimes between 01/01/2021 and 01/01/2026. This amounts to over 656,000 records that each would have to be manually trawled through to understand how many related to a ***taxi driver / private hire driver***. This review would most certainly exceed the costs limits set out in the FOIA.

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 a reduced time frame and more accurate definition of what you refer to as assault. With any request that requires a manual review there is always a chance of a request being refused under S12 due to the enormity of work that is usually needed to provide the data, therefore 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](mailto:freedomofinformation@gmp.police.uk).