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Our ref: 01/FOI/26/016082/J

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/016082/J

I write in connection with your request for information dated 02/01/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

*****Follow up 01/FOI/25/016027/H*****

***Thank you for your response.
This is really helpful.***

Can I make a new FOI request to refine question four and to ask the following please?

Do you record if the bus driver was the victim of this violence if so, please can I have the figure for violence against bus drivers for 2024?

Result of Searches

GMP cannot confirm if it holds all the information that you have requested without conducting a thorough search on your behalf.

GMP would be required to undertake a substantial review to see if we hold the information relating to your request. As there is no field search for us to record or search a victims occupation, a manual review would be the only way to know how many are relating to Bus Drivers. There are 81k records of violence with injury and violence without injury in 2024 and each of these would need to be trawled through to provide a response to this FOI. This would not be achievable within the permitted 18hrs.

Therefore, as per section 12(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the cost of searching for the information is above the amount to which we are legally required to respond i.e. the cost of locating 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, 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.