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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/016568/A

I write in connection with your request for information dated 12/03/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Please provide the number of incidents reported to Greater Manchester Police between 1 January 2025 and 31st December s that relate to accidents resulting from the use of illegal E scooters or dirt bikes (including off-road bikes and similar vehicles being used unlawfully on public roads, pavements, parks, or other public spaces).

Specifically, I would like to know:

The total number of reported accidents involving illegal dirt bikes.

The number of individuals injured as a result of these incidents.

The number of fatalities, if any.

A breakdown of incidents by local authority area within Greater Manchester, if available.

Where recorded, the age range of individuals injured.

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. "illegal dirt bike" is not a vehicle category on our collision recording system. To provide

the data requested in would involve a manual search of all collisions involving motorcycles to establish if the motorcycle involved as an illegal dirt bike.

A search of our collision records shows that there are over 12,000 records that would have to be manually reviewed. At a very conservative estimate of 5 minutes to locate, retrieve and review each file it would take approximately 1,000 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. 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 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.

Alternatively, you could limit your request to one of the categories of motorcycle that is a recordable category on our collision recording system. These are:

- Electric Motorcycle over 250W
- Motorcycle Unknown CC
- Motorcycle 50CC and under
- Motorcycle over 125CC and up to 500CC
- Motorcycle over 500CC
- Motorcycle over 50CC and up to 125CC