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Our ref: 01/FOI/26/017033/E

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/017033/E

I write in connection with your request for information dated 09/06/2026, I note you seek access to the following information:

I am seeking information relating to driving offences in vehicles for which no further action was taken due to no registered keeper data being available, which occurred between 01/01/2025 - 31/12/2025.

For clarity, the scope of this request relates to offences observed in situations where it was not possible to stop the vehicle at the scene to report the driver immediately, and where the police would ordinarily write to the registered keeper in relation to the incident (e.g. to issue a Letter of Warning, S.172 notice etc.).

Please provide the following:

- 1) Total number of incidents for which no further action was taken in relation to the observed/reported offence due to no registered keeper information being available*
- 2) What % of the total number of incidents this represents in the relevant time period*
- 3) A breakdown of detection methods (e.g. Operation Snap report, fixed speed camera, etc.)*
- 4) (Where available) information on any other action taken either to ascertain who is legally responsible for the vehicle, either to pursue the original offence, or offences relating to failing to register the vehicle.*

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police to locate information relevant to your request. I can confirm that the information you have requested is held by Greater Manchester Police.

However, GMP does not hold the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format. The circumstances described within your request are not recorded under a specific category or marker that would allow the requested incidents to be readily identified. To establish whether an offence resulted in 'no further action specifically because registered keeper information was unavailable' would require the manual review of individual records across a number of systems and incident types, including roads policing reports, Operation Snap submissions, camera detections, correspondence records and associated investigation files.

In addition, the information required to answer questions 3 and 4 would necessitate a further case-by-case examination of individual records to determine both the detection method and any subsequent enquiries undertaken.

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 keep this within the fees limit, you may wish to consider refining your request. For example, you could limit the request to:

- A specific offence type;
- A particular reporting mechanism (e.g. Operation Snap only);
- A significantly shorter time period; or
- Information that is routinely recorded and readily retrievable from a specific business area.

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.