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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/017057/M

I write in connection with your request for information dated 11/06/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Split between each of the 10 Boroughs in Greater Manchester and stated separately, since 1st January 2022

- 1. How many people have been charged with an offence relating to the illegal use of an eScooter ?***
- 2. How many eScooters have been confiscated ?***
- 3. How many people have been charged with an offence relating to illegally riding either an eScooter, an eBicycle or a Cycle in a pedestrianised area or on a pavement ?***

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 comply with this FOI in full without carrying out a substantial review manually. Questions 1 and 3 of your request are not recorded under their stand-alone offence, instead they would be recorded under several different driving offences, possibly driving otherwise than in accordance. Data for 2025 reveals there are over 1,500 vehicle offences and each record would need to be viewed and checked to see if anything contained reference to an e-Scooter. The results of this search would then require further checks to see if any related to illegal use or riding in a pedestrianised area. As a result, this FOI would far exceed the time limits laid 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 the specific driving offence you wish to search under and a reduced time frame. 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.

Although excess costs remove GMP's obligations under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, as a gesture of goodwill I have supplied some information relative to your request that was retrieved before it was realised that the fees limit would be exceeded (see below information). I hope that this is of use to you, but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fee's regulations for the remainder of your request.

Due to some low results, some figures in relation to question 2 have been replaced with X or by yearly totals only, as by providing all this information split by individual district as you have requested would significantly increase the likelihood of identifying the individual(s) concerned, and as such the exemption under S40(2) – Personal Information, would be engaged and result in information being refused. By replacing the data this way, it can be provided in its entirety.

- Data relating to question 2 only began recording per district from April 2023. Any breakdowns prior to this are not held.
1. See exemption above.
 2. Please see the tables below.
 3. See exemption above.

Data provided from GMP's vehicle recovery scheme.

Question 2		01/01/22 - 31/12/22	01/01/23 - 05/04/23	06/04/23 - 31/12/23	01/01/24 - 31/12/24	01/01/25 - 31/12/25	01/01/26 - 31/05/26
GMP	Force wide	198	24				
CoM	City of Manchester	N/A	N/A	23	25	78	11
F DIV	Salford	N/A	N/A	25	X	19	X
G DIV	Tameside	N/A	N/A	10	X	X	X
J DIV	Stockport	N/A	N/A	5	X	7	X
K DIV	Bolton	N/A	N/A	X	X	15	X
L DIV	Wigan	N/A	N/A	7	X	16	5
M DIV	Stretford	N/A	N/A	8	0	10	X

N DIV	Bury	N/A	N/A	16	X	34	12
P DIV	Rochdale	N/A	N/A	6	X	18	5
Q DIV	Oldham	N/A	N/A	0	X	9	6

In addition, GMP also recorded seizures of scooters via the GMP property unit. See the figures below. These will be in addition to the figures above.

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GMP	Force wide	30	5	22	14	31	20