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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/017006/B

I write in connection with your request for information dated 04/06/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

- 1. Please provide the total number of recorded driving offences involving a child passenger not being properly restrained in a vehicle (including no seatbelt or no car seat) in the calendar years 2023, 2024 and 2025.*
- 2. Please provide the total number of fines, fixed penalty notices, warnings and prosecutions issued for these offences in the calendar years 2023, 2024 and 2025.*
- 3. Please provide a breakdown of these offences by the age of the child involved, if available, in the calendar years 2023, 2024 and 2025.*
- 4. Please provide the total monetary value (£) of all fines and fixed penalty notices issued for offences involving a child passenger not being properly restrained in a vehicle (including no seatbelt or no appropriate child car seat) in each of the calendar years 2023, 2024 and 2025.*

I would prefer to receive the information in electronic format, preferably as a CSV or Excel spreadsheet. If this is not possible, please provide the information in the most accessible format available.

I understand that you are required to respond to this request within 20 working days. If you need any clarification regarding this request, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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.

The data provided is that of offences that have been submitted to GMP's Central Ticket office (CTO) for process by way of the fixed penalty procedure. See **questions 1 and 2** below.

OFFENCE	2023	2024
Drive motor vehicle on a road with child passenger aged 3 to 13 years sat in rear and not wearing a seat belt	230	311
Drive a motor vehicle on a road with a child under 14 years in front passenger seat not wearing a seat belt	78	78
Drive a motor vehicle on a road with a child passenger under 3 years seated in the rear not wearing a seat belt	97	127

Question 3.

GMP do not record the age of the child other than the above offence descriptions.

Question 4.

Please note - Fines are imposed by a court and so please contact HMCTS for this information. The total cost for a fixed penalty for a seat belt offence is £100. So, the monetary value of fixed penalties issued have been provided below.

OFFENCE	2023	2024	2025
Drive motor vehicle on a road with child passenger aged 3 to 13 years sat in rear and not wearing a seat belt	£23000	£31100	£36200
Drive a motor vehicle on a road with a child under 14 years in front passenger seat not wearing a seat belt	£7800	£7800	£10700
Drive a motor vehicle on a road with a child passenger under 3 years seated in the rear not wearing a seat belt	£9700	£12700	£12400