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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/26/017028/H

I write in connection with your request for information dated 08/06/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

For the purposes of this request, "e-scooter" refers to a privately-owned electrically powered scooter (powered transporter) and does not include electrically assisted pedal cycles (e-bikes), electrically powered motorcycles or mopeds.

Please provide the following information for each of the calendar years 2023, 2024 and 2025:

- 1. The number of privately-owned e-scooters seized by your force.***
- 2. Of those e-scooters seized, the number that were subsequently released or reclaimed by their owners.***
- 3. The number of Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs), Traffic Offence Reports (TORs), or equivalent traffic disposals issued in relation to the use of privately-owned e-scooters.***

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police (GMP) to locate the requested information. I can confirm the information requested is held by GMP.

Question 1 & 2

Please note, we can only obtain 2023 data from 06/04/2026 as this is when the Vehicle Recovery System went live.

The data below relates only to E-Scooters recovered via GMP Vehicle Recovery Scheme.

Year	Total E-Scooters Seized	Total Released/Reclaimed by Owners
2023	104	104
2024	46	46
2025	210	210

The data below is from GMP's property system and relates only to items seized as evidence.

Year	Total	Returned to owner
2023	25	None of these are recorded as being returned to the owners
2024	14	
2025	31	

Question 3

The below data is for offences submitted to CTO for process by way of fixed penalty procedure (ie FPNs, TORs) where the issuing officer has recorded an officer description relating to electronic "scooters".

Year	Total
2023	55
2024	75
2025	81