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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/016959/L

I write in connection with your request for information dated 28/05/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

REQUEST 1:

for "incidents" please. - Please provide the total number of reports your police force has received/recorded about incidents involving electric bikes, also known as e-bikes? Please provide the total number for last year (2025), for 2024 and 2023.
Please provide the total number of reports received/recorded about incidents involving e-bikes and please provide a breakdown of the total number of reports for each category of incident in each year. So, how many incidents reported involved a road collision with other vehicles or pedestrians, how many involved an e-bike being stolen, how many involved anti-social behaviour and crimes being committed by riders on e-bikes etc. until the full number of different types of reports received involving e-bikes is reflected. Please include as much narrative as possible about what each report you received/recorded was in terms of the allegations - a theft, RTC etc.
Please provide the numbers for each of the above years. If possible, please provide the total number of, and the details of, incidents which led to formal action being taken such as arrests or charges. So how many arrests, charges or other types of formal action such as cautions have there been in relation to reports of incidents involving e-bikes and what were they for? Please ensure that within the information requested above, it is clear how many alleged crimes/incidents involving an e-bike have been recorded by your force for each of the years above, and please provide a breakdown of all the different types of crimes/incidents that were recorded in each year. If it requires free-searching terms in your database with the words 'e-bike' or 'electric bicycle' or any other configuration please do so. Please do not include e-scooters in the data for the above questions, just e-bikes.

REQUEST 2:

What would you like to know?: Please provide the total number of motorists caught breaking the speed limit in 20mph zones by your force

Please provide the total number for the last three years - 2025, 2024 and 2023. Please only provide the number of motorists caught speeding in 20mph zones and not any other speed limit zones.

Within this, please provide the number of times a motorist was sent a Fixed Penalty Notice by your force for doing exactly 22mph in a 20mph. Again, please break this down per year for 2025, 2024 and 2023.

Please also provide the highest speed that a motorist was caught speeding at in a 20mph by your force.

For all the above data, please provide the figures for whatever device the motorist was caught - whether on a fixed roadside camera, portably camera in a police van etc. (but these do not need to be detailed.

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 some of 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 review manually to understand how many reports received/recorded are about incidents involving e-bikes. This information is not held in any searchable field and for the years 2023-2025 there are over 1,000 records located with the phrase 'e-bike' or 'electric bicycle' in the title, details, or contact comments fields. Each of these would need to be checked to ensure they match the criteria. At a conservative rate of 5 minutes to review each record, this FOI would take in the region of 83 for this section alone.

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.

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 a reduction in the volume of required information or a reduced time frame for this part of the request. 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.