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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/016412/H

I write in connection with your request for information dated 17/02/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

*I am seeking anonymised statistical data relating to road traffic collisions involving Range Rover vehicles (model years 2012–2021) where vehicle failure or defect was identified as a contributing factor, specifically relating to front suspension components.
To assist your search, I understand that collision investigations typically record data via STATS19 reporting and may include contributory factors or vehicle defect indicators.
I would be grateful if you could provide the following information for the period 1 January 2012 to present:*

1. Collision Records

The total number of recorded road traffic collisions involving:

- *Range Rover vehicles (including Range Rover L405 and Range Rover Sport L494 models, where model detail is available)*

Where:

- *A vehicle defect or mechanical failure was recorded as a contributory factor; and/or*
- *The investigating officer recorded a failure relating to suspension, steering, wheel assembly, or hub components.*

2. Defect Classification (Where Available)

For the above collisions, please provide anonymised breakdowns of:

- *The number where a front suspension component was identified as failed or defective*
 - *The number where a steering or hub/knuckle component was identified*
 - *Whether the defect was considered:*
 - o *A primary cause*
 - o *A contributory factor*
 - o *Or discovered during post-collision mechanical examination*
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3. Mechanical Examination Data

Where vehicles underwent forensic vehicle examination:

- **The number of cases where a fractured or failed front suspension component was recorded**
- **Whether the failure was considered:**
 - o **Pre-collision mechanical failure**
 - o **Collision-induced damage**
 - o **Undetermined**

4. Injury Severity (High-Level Only)

For relevant cases, please provide anonymised totals of:

- **Fatal collisions**
- **Serious injury collisions**
- **Slight injury collisions**

If the request exceeds cost limits, please advise how it may be refined.

If some information is held by another department (e.g., collision investigation units or forensic vehicle examiners), I would appreciate internal referral.

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.

In the time period of 2022 to 2025 there were 130 collision involving a range rover, none of them had vehicle defect listed a factor.

However, for GMP to know if this has been recorded accurately it would require a manual review of all the collision records on file for each of the 130 reports. Each file can contain multiple logs with a large number of pages for each. While it may not have been recorded as a vehicle defect there may have been elements within the collision reports to suggest there was a contributing factor, however the review would be the only option to allow GMP to respond accurately. Each record could take between 10-20 minutes to trawl through and as such this request would exceed the 18hrs permitted to provide a response.

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 requested information. Please also note the request for specifics such as defects details would be contained within the reports and as such a review would be the only way to extract this data so bare this in mind with any revised request you may submit.

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.

Should you wish to refine and resubmit your request in line with the advice above please respond to freedomofinformation@gmp.police.uk.