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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/015940/B

I write in connection with your request for information dated 01/12/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

In each of the last 5 complete years (2020 to 2024) how many persons have been charged by GMP with any of the following offences, regardless of whether they were subsequently prosecuted:

- 1 *Riding a bicycle on the pavement*
- 2 *Riding a bicycle without lights*
- 3 *Riding a bicycle through red traffic light*

Result of Searches

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

CAVEATS

The wording “**charged**” tends to lend itself to custody/court proceedings. GMP’s Central Ticket Office (CTO) only administer offences which have been submitted for process by way of the fixed penalty procedure. The amount of offences submitted to the CTO for process are in the table below.

Regarding Question 3: There is not a specific offence of “Riding a bicycle though a red light.” If a cyclist contravenes a red light, it would fall under the overarching offence of Ride a pedal cycle on a road and fail to comply with the indication given by a traffic sign. We do not record how many specifically relate to red traffic lights, just the overarching offence.

OFFENCE DESC	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Ride a pedal cycle on a footpath / causeway by the side of a road made / set apart for the use of foot passengers	4	10	4	3	19	7	2
Use a pedal cycle on a road when front / rear position lamp / retro reflector were not fitted	5	8	0	2	4	7	0
Ride a pedal cycle on a road and fail to comply with the indication given by a traffic sign	15	55	22	34	151	73	16