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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/016622/P

I write in connection with your request for information dated 24/03/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I'm requesting this information under the Freedom of Information Act:

Please could you provide the following data for each of the last five calendar years (e.g. 2021–2025):

1. *The total number of vehicles seized per year.*
2. *A breakdown of vehicle seizures by reason, where recorded. This could include (but is not limited to):*
 - No insurance*
 - No valid driving licence*
 - Illegal modifications*
 - Anti-social driving*
 - Stolen vehicles*
 - Other (please specify where possible)*
3. *A geographical breakdown of vehicle seizures by town or city (or the most granular level available).*
4. *The number of Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs) or other fines issued in relation to the offences leading to vehicle seizures, broken down by offence type and year, where this data is held.*
5. *Where available, the number of repeat offences or repeat offenders linked to vehicle seizures.*

6. *The average or total costs recovered from drivers in relation to seized vehicles, including release fees, storage fees, or other associated charges.*

*I'm requesting the following information under the Freedom of Information Act:
Please provide data in an Excel or email format, with headers of 1, 2, 3 etc.*

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.

However, GMP does not hold all of the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format. GMP started using a new system to record vehicle seizures on 06/04/2026. To provide the data requested in questions 1-3 prior to this date would involve a manual search of the records in the old database. Therefore, to comply with the whole of your request the process would take over 18 hours' work which exceeds the appropriate limit of £450.00, the amount to which we are legally required to respond.

As per section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the cost of providing you with the information is therefore 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. 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.

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 keep this within the fees limit, the information that you are requesting will need to be reduced to a greatly reduced time period. 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.