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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/016687/G

I write in connection with your request for information dated 09/04/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Please provide this information for the most recent three years available:

- 1. The number of offences recorded for failing to comply with a red traffic light.***
- 2. The number of cases where motorists stated that they crossed a red light in order to allow an emergency vehicle to pass.***
- 3. Of those identified in Question 2:***
 - a) The number where enforcement action was cancelled or discontinued***
 - b) The number where enforcement action proceeded***
 - c) The number resulting in prosecution or penalty***
- 4. Please provide any policies, guidance, or internal documents relating to motorists crossing a red light to allow emergency vehicles to pass.***
- 5. Please provide any guidance issued to:***
 - Officers***
 - Camera enforcement teams***
 - Central Ticket Offices***
 - Staff reviewing notices***
- 6. Please confirm whether your force has any public guidance relating to motorists crossing a red light to allow emergency vehicles to pass.***
- 7. Please provide details of any cases where motorists successfully challenged enforcement on the basis of allowing an emergency vehicle to pass.***

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 some of the information requested is held by GMP.

Question 1.

Data provided is that submitted to the Central Ticket office (CTO) for consideration of process by way of the fixed penalty procedure.

CCCJS OFFENCE DESC	2023	2024	2025	2026
Drive on motorway, fail to comply with red / green arrow / lane closure signals - automatic equipment	4719	4278	2639	514
Drive on motorway, fail to comply with red / green arrow / lane closure signals - manual detection	189	143	174	45
Drive on road other than motorway, fail comply with red / green arrow / lane closure light signals	1755	2334	2722	853
Drive on road other than motorway, fail comply with red / green arrow / lane closure light signals - automatic equipment	2186	903	809	645

Question 2.

No information held. GMP do not record this.

Question 3.

See Question 2.

Question 4.

No information held. Greater Manchester Police expects all motorists to comply with the Highway Code as detailed in the link provided - [Road users requiring extra care - Other vehicles \(219 to 225\) - THE HIGHWAY CODE](#)

Question 5.

Camera enforcement teams & Central Ticket Offices & Staff reviewing notices – No information held. Under the fixed penalty procedure, any mitigation that a driver may have for an offence being committed would be a matter for a Magistrates Court to decide upon.

Officers – Please see an extract from the GMP Driver Training Manual (March 2025)

Before using a legal exemption to progress through a junction against a red automatic signal, you must either; Stop at the line and give way to traffic negotiating the junction on a green signal or be in a position to stop should there be any doubt about the safety of the manoeuvre, or the intentions of other road users.

*The Traffic Sign Regulations and General Directions 2002
Regulation 36 (1) (b)*

1. The Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002 provides; that when a vehicle is being used for fire brigade, ambulance, bomb or explosive disposal, national blood service or police purposes and the observance of the prohibition conveyed by the red signal would be likely to hinder the use of that vehicle for the purpose for which it is being used, then the red signal shall not apply to the vehicle, and the red signal should convey the prohibition that the vehicle shall not proceed beyond the stop line or in a manner or at a time likely to endanger any person or cause the driver of any

vehicle proceeding in accordance with the indications of light signals operating in association with the signals displaying the red signal to change its speed or course in order to avoid an accident.

Question 6.

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Question 7.

GMP do not hold this information – This would be held by His Majesty's Courts and Tribunal Service (HMCTS). Please apply directly to HMCTS for such data.