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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/016778/I

I write in connection with your request for information dated 27/04/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

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

1. The total number of vehicles seized per year (please separate these totals into each 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. 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.

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 the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format.

GMP are unable to supply the data in full for this FOI due to a change of database used to hold and process such information.

To extract the data held from 2021-2023 would take a considerable lengthy process and an interrogation of multiple databases to allow for the required information to be located and then extracted. Due to limited access levels this part of the FOI would far exceed the 18hrs to locate and provide.

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 reduced time frame. However, 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.

Although excess costs remove GMP's obligations under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, as a gesture of goodwill I have supplied some information relative to your request that was retrieved before it was realised that the fees limit would be exceed (see below information). I hope that this is of use to you, but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fee's regulations for the remainder of your request.

Please see the data that could be extracted from 06/04/23 - 31/12/25.

DATA FOR 2023

Question 1.

No of Vehicles Seized between
06/04/23 - 31/12/23: Total 15869

Question 2

Reasons for Seizure	Abandoned	Anti Social	Breakdown	Burn Out	Council Fast Track	Police Fast Track	Obstruction
No of Vehicles	263	93	70	181	3	4	379
	Road Traffic Collision	PG 9 Prohibition Notice	POCA	Stolen	Uninsured / Unlicensed	Used in Crime	Other
	2684	1	2	2845	8198	1144	2

Seizure by District	A - City Of Manchester	F - Salford	G - Tameside	J - Stockport	K - Bolton	L - Wigan
No of Vehicles	4181	1580	1126	882	1630	1111

M - Stretford	N - Bury	P - Rochdale	Q - Oldham	Motorway Network	Other
1122	958	1220	1542	502	15

DATA FOR 2024

Question 1.

No of Vehicles Seized between 01/01/24 - 31/12/24: Total 21469

Question 2.

Reasons for Seizure	Abandoned	Anti Social	Breakdown	Burn Out	Council Fast Track	Police Fast Track	Obstruction
No of Vehicles	413	139	104	186	10	7	424
	Road Traffic Collision	PG 9 Prohibition Notice	POCA	Stolen	Uninsured / Unlicenced	Used in Crime	Other
	3215	8	3	3601	11668	1687	4

Seizure by District	A - City Of Manchester	F - Salford	G - Tameside	J - Stockport	K - Bolton	L - Wigan
No of Vehicles	5261	2208	1562	1213	2337	1612
	M - Stretford	N - Bury	P - Rochdale	Q - Oldham	Motorway Network	Other
	1310	1235	1641	2044	1037	9

DATA FOR 2025

Question 1.

No of Vehicles Seized between 01/01/25 - 31/12/25: Total 21864

Question 2.

Reasons for Seizure	Abandoned	Anti Social Sec	Breakdown	Burn Out	Council Fast Track	Police Fast Track	Obstruction
No of Vehicles	475	169	147	184	3	9	556
	Road Traffic Collision	PG 9 Prohibition Notice	POCA	Stolen	Uninsured / Unlicenced	Used in Crime	Other
	3418	11	53	3419	12181	1238	1

Seizure by District	A - City Of Manchester	F - Salford	G - Tameside	J - Stockport	K - Bolton	L - Wigan
No of Vehicles	5422	2214	1541	1378	2189	1580
	M - Stretford	N - Bury	P - Rochdale	Q - Oldham	Motorway Network	Other
	1292	1202	1775	2116	1150	5