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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/016723/T

I write in connection with your request for information dated 17/04/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I am writing to request information from your constabulary relating to speeding offences recorded in 20mph and 30mph speed limit areas within your force area.

For the purposes of this request, I am referring to offences where a driver exceeded the posted speed limit on a public road in either a 20mph or 30mph limit.

I would be grateful if you could provide the following information.

Q1. The total number of speeding offences recorded in 20mph limits in each of the following calendar years: 2023, 2024 and 2025.

Q2. The total number of speeding offences recorded in 30mph limits in each of the following calendar years: 2023, 2024 and 2025.

Q3. The total number of speeding offences recorded in 20mph limits between 1 January 2026 and 31 March 2026.

Q4. The total number of speeding offences recorded in 30mph limits between 1 January 2026 and 31 March 2026.

Q5. Where held in a readily retrievable format, the highest recorded speed detected in a 20mph limit, and separately in a 30mph limit, during the period 1 January 2023 to 31 March 2026.

Q6. Where held in a readily retrievable format, the top three roads or locations within your force area with the highest number of speeding offences recorded in 20mph limits, and separately in 30mph limits, across the full period requested.

Q7. Where held in a readily retrievable format, the total number of offences in 20mph limits, and separately in 30mph limits, by outcome, including:

- a. Fixed Penalty Notices**
- b. Speed awareness courses**
- c. Prosecutions or court summons**

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.

However, Greater Manchester Police can neither confirm nor deny that we hold any information relevant to **question 6** of your request by virtue of the following exemptions:

Section 31(3) – Law Enforcement

Section 38(2) – Health and Safety

Evidence of Harm

Any disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act is a disclosure to the world at large and confirming or denying any information relating to specific speed cameras (or in this case, specific sets of average speed cameras) would prejudice law enforcement and endanger the safety of road users.

Conversely, if information was not held by the force, and a denial was issued, this would suggest to individuals intent on driving at excess speed on this stretch of road (whether correctly or not) the limitations of police capabilities in this area, which may further encourage speeding by exposing a potential vulnerability.

Disclosure of the information could prejudice the ability of the force to police this area which would lead to a greater risk to the public. Any information identifying the focus of policing activity could be used to the advantage criminals. Information that undermines the operational integrity of these activities will adversely affect public safety and have a negative impact on both law enforcement and the safety of the public.

Public interest considerations favouring confirming or denying whether the information is held - Section 31(3)

Confirming or denying whether any information is held would allow Greater Manchester Police to demonstrate increased openness and transparency.

Public interest considerations favouring neither confirming nor denying whether the information is held - Section 31(3)

By confirming or denying whether any information is held would mean that law enforcement tactics would be compromised which would hinder the prevention and detection of crime.

Greater Manchester Police is charged with enforcing the law, preventing and detecting crime and protecting the communities we serve. The ability to protect uphold and protect law enforcement capabilities within the country is of paramount importance and the police will not divulge whether any information is or is not held if to do so would place the safety of an individual at risk or undermine law enforcement capabilities due to adverse disclosure.

Public interest considerations favouring confirming or denying whether the information is held - Section 38(2)

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To confirm or deny details relating to specific speed cameras would reveal details about periods of inactivity. This would lead to people assuming, correctly or incorrectly, when certain cameras are likely to be inactive and could encourage drivers to exceed the speed limit at these times. This could lead to more collisions and as a result, more serious injuries, or death of road users.

Balance Test

When balancing the public interest test, GMP consider whether to confirm or deny if we hold such information relating to your request. Arguments need to be weighed against each other. The most persuasive reason for confirming or denying is GMP's accountability, which needs to be compared to the strongest negative reason for neither confirm nor deny, which in this case is the health and safety of road users and GMP's ability to effectively execute its duties. The public interest would not be served by confirming or denying the requested information exists or not.

On consideration of the above, I believe the factors favouring neither confirm nor deny outweigh those favouring confirming whether the information is held or not, therefore the balance of public interest favours maintaining the application of the above exemptions. This should not be taken as an inference that there is or is not any information held which could be provided in responding to this question.

Please see the remaining information held below.

Question 1.

2023	2024	2025
45	67	59

Question 2.

2023	2024	2025
77005	113598	89508

Question 3.

Jan- Mar 2026
10

Question 4.

Jan- Mar 2026
18661

Question 5.

20mph = 35 mph
30mph = 104 mph

Question 6.

See exemption above.

Question 7.

<i>a. Fixed Penalty Notices</i>	20mph – 67	30mph – 66387
<i>b. Speed awareness courses</i>	20mph – 83	30mph – 230087
<i>c. Prosecutions or court summons</i>	20mph – 44	30mph 2498