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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/016875/I

I write in connection with your request for information dated 11/05/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I request the following recorded information relating to licensed taxi drivers and private hire drivers within the Stockport Metropolitan Borough area for the period 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2025.

For the purposes of this request, please include both:

- * Hackney carriage drivers***
- * Private hire vehicle (PHV) drivers***

Please provide the number of recorded crimes and/or incidents, broken down by calendar year where available, relating to the following categories.

SECTION A - OFFENCES ALLEGEDLY COMMITTED BY TAXI OR PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS

Please provide the number of recorded offences where the suspect, offender, or person arrested was identified as a licensed taxi or private hire driver.

If possible, please provide figures for the following offence groups:

- * Sexual offences***
- * Violence against the person / assaults***
- * Theft offences***
- * Robbery***
- * Public order offences***
- * Drug offences***
- * Harassment and stalking***

- * **Fraud offences**
- * **Possession of weapons offences**
- * **Child sexual exploitation related offences**
- * **Modern slavery or trafficking offences**
- * **Any other offence categories linked to licensed taxi or private hire drivers**

SECTION B - OFFENCES COMMITTED AGAINST TAXI OR PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS

Please provide the number of recorded offences where the victim was identified as a licensed taxi or private hire driver.

If possible, please provide figures for the following offence groups:

- * **Assaults**
- * **Robbery**
- * **Theft**
- * **Criminal damage**
- * **Public order offences**
- * **Hate crimes**
- * **Sexual offences**
- * **Fare evasion related incidents**
- * **Any other offence categories involving taxi or private hire drivers as victims**

If held, please also provide:

- * **The total number of recorded incidents involving taxi or private hire drivers**
- * **The number of incidents resulting in arrest**
- * **The number of incidents resulting in charge or 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 the information requested is held by GMP.

However, GMP does not hold the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format.

For GMP to be able to provide a response to this request it will require a substantial manual review of all the recorded crimes that relate to this request. Our systems do not record in an easily extractable manner the victim/offender occupation and so we would need to review each located record to obtain this level of data. Initial checks reveal this would amount to over 600,000 records and so this will not be able to be completed within the 18hrs permitted in the FOIA.

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.

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, or the removal of the occupation of the victim/offender. With any request that requires a manual review there is always a chance of a request being refused under S12 due to the enormity of work that is usually needed to provide the data, therefore 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.