Information Access Unit
Information Management and Data Directorate

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/017743/B

I write in connection with your request for information dated 29/09/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Email 1.
Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to please request information regarding ghost broking and car insurance scams recorded by your force.

Please provide the following information for CARS ONLY, for the last three financial years (2023/24, 2024/25 and 2025/26):

1. The total number of reported incidents of ghost broking relating to cars.

2. The total number of victims of these reports, by age.

3. The total reported financial loss to victims associated with ghost broking relating to cars.

4. The average reported financial loss per report associated with ghost broking relating to cars.

Where possible, please provide a breakdown of the above information by financial year (2023/24, 2024/25 and 2025/26)

For the purposes of this request, by "ghost broking" I refer to fraud involving individuals or organisations falsely presenting themselves as car insurance brokers or intermediaries and selling, arranging, or facilitating fraudulent, invalid, or non-existent car insurance policies.

Where your records use a different classification or terminology for this type of fraud, please provide the closest available category and state the classification used.

I would appreciate it if this data could be provided in Excel format.

If any part of this request requires clarification or if any aspect cannot be provided, please let me know, and I will be happy to assist.

Email 2.
Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to please request information regarding ghost broking and van insurance scams recorded by your force.

Please provide the following information for VANS ONLY, for the last three financial years (2023/24, 2024/25 and 2025/26):

1. The total number of reported incidents of ghost broking relating to vans.

2. The total number of victims of these reports, by age.

3. The total reported financial loss to victims associated with ghost broking relating to vans.

4. The average reported financial loss per report associated with ghost broking relating to vans.

Where possible, please provide a breakdown of the above information by financial year (2023/24, 2024/25 and 2025/26)

For the purposes of this request, by "ghost broking" I refer to fraud involving individuals or organisations falsely presenting themselves as van insurance brokers or intermediaries and selling, arranging, or facilitating fraudulent, invalid, or non-existent van insurance policies.

Where your records use a different classification or terminology for this type of fraud, please provide the closest available category and state the classification used.

I would appreciate it if this data could be provided in Excel format.

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 not held by GMP. Please make a request to the National Fraud Intelligence Bureau (NFIB) for this information. Freedom of Information requests for the NFIB can be made to the City of London Police Accessing information | City of London Police.