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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/017645/A

I write in connection with your request for information dated 14/09/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please could you provide information relating to drink-driving enforcement within Greater Manchester during December 2024 and December 2025.
I am requesting the following information for each month separately.

December 2024
1. The total number of motorists who were stopped and given a roadside breath test for suspected drink-driving.
2.The total number of roadside breath tests which produced a positive result for alcohol.

3. The total number of people arrested for a drink-driving offence.
3a. Of those arrested, the number who had initially been stopped and breath-tested as part of a police traffic stop or roadside enforcement operation.
3b. Of those arrested, the number who had initially been stopped following another driving or traffic offence.
4. If recorded, the number of drink-driving arrests according to the time of the initial roadside stop/breath test, broken down into:
- 00:00 - 05:59
- 06:00 - 11:59
- 12:00 - 17:59
-18:00 - 23:59

December 2025
Please provide the same information for December 2025.

Morning-after drink-driving

In particular, I am interested in motorists stopped during the morning following the previous evening/night.

If the information is held, please provide the number of motorists who were:
a) stopped and given a roadside breath test between 06:00 and 11:59 and produced a positive result for alcohol;
b) stopped and given a roadside breath test between 06:00 and 11:59 and subsequently arrested for a drink-driving offence.

Please provide these figures separately for December 2024 and December 2025.

Reason for stop
If recorded, please also provide the number of positive breath tests and drink-driving arrests resulting from:
i. routine or targeted roadside drink-driving enforcement;
ii. a road traffic collision;
iii. another traffic or driving offence;
iv. information/intelligence or a report from a member of the public; and
v. any other recorded category.

Result of Searches
GMP cannot confirm if it holds all the information that you have requested without conducting a thorough search on your behalf.

GMP would be required to undertake a substantial review to see if we hold the information relating to some of your request.

To determine whether information is held in relation to question 3a, including the reasons for any stops, would require a substantial manual review of records across several separate systems. This request seeks information that may be contained within multiple unlinked datasets, namely: (1) breath test records, (2) vehicle stop records, and (3) arrest records.

As these systems are not connected in a way that would allow the requested information to be retrieved through a simple search, it would be necessary to manually examine in excess of 22,000 records to establish whether the reason for each stop is recorded and, where it is, whether it relates to an individual who was initially stopped and breath-tested as part of a police traffic stop or roadside enforcement operation.

Furthermore, any relevant information may only be contained within free-text fields or officer notes, requiring additional manual examination. In some cases, this could potentially extend to reviewing officers' pocket notebooks in order to identify any links to question 3a.

Given the volume of records involved and the level of manual review required across multiple systems and sources, we estimate that complying with this part of the request would significantly exceed the appropriate limit of 18 hours as set out under the FOIA.

Therefore, as per section 12(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the cost of searching for the information is above the amount to which we are legally required to respond i.e. the cost of locating 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 to remove the 2

questions named above and to reduce the time frame of any revised FOI. 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.