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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/017705/V

I write in connection with your request for information dated 23/09/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I am requesting the following information under the Freedom of Information Act:

1. The number of fines issued in each financial year since 2021 due to a driving licence address being incorrect or out of date, covering:
2021/22
2022/23
2023/24
2024/25
2025/26

2. The total monetary value of fines collected in each of the above financial years for incorrect or out-of-date driving licence addresses.

Please provide data by year.

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 your request. The information being requested would fall under to the overarching offence of driving a motor vehicle otherwise than in accordance with a licence. Officers are only required to record the overarching offence on the notices submitted to the CTO. Therefore, a review manually of over 4700 offences processed by the CTO for “driving not in accordance with licence” would have to be examined to see if any officer chose to mention the specifics being requested on the notices submitted. This would far exceed the 18hrs allowed 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 with a substantially reduced timeframe. The resulting response cannot be guaranteed/known to be held 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.