Date: 20/10/2026
Our ref: 01/FOI/26/017819/E

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/017819/E

I write in connection with your request for information dated 09/10/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

The number of drink driving offences recorded for the years 2023, 2024, 2025 and 2026 to date.

1. ***Please can this be broken down by age, age and gender, and month of offence for each year.***
2. ***If time allows, please also provide the number of offences broken down by age and time of day, e.g. 12am - 1am, 1am, - 2am, etc.***
3. ***If you're unable to break down by hours of the day, please provide for day time / night time offences, e.g. 7pm - 7am, 7am - 7pm***

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 some of the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format.

For GMP to respond to parts 2 and 3 of this FOI, it would require a substantial manual review of all the recorded breath tests carried out from 2023 to date, This data is not stored in any central location at this time for easy extraction. Currently, this total stands at around 32,000 records to view and so this cannot be achieved in under 18hrs.

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.

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 substantially reduced time frame or the removal of questions 2 and 3. 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.

Should you wish to refine and resubmit your request in line with the advice above please respond to freedomofinformation@gmp.police.uk.