

Wednesday, 02 September 2026

Our ref: 01/FOI/26/017504/O

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/017504/O

I write in connection with your request for information dated 24/08/2026, I note you seek access to the following information:

For the period 1st to 7th August 2026 inclusive, please provide

- 1. The total number of road traffic collisions recorded in this period.*
- 2. Of those, the number involving a driver/rider recorded as holding a non-GB licence.*
- 3. The total number of personal injury road traffic collisions recorded in this period.*
- 4. Of those, the number involving a driver/rider recorded as holding a non-GB licence.*

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police to locate information relevant to your request.

However, GMP does not hold our relevant information in an easily retrievable format. To ascertain any of the records are for a driver that holds a non-GB licence, it would involve manual search to all relevant records as we do not have tools/systems to promptly search for the data.

While driver licence information is recorded within the system, it is not available as a standard field within the software used to extract data from the collision recording system. As such it would require manually reading all 282 records and navigating to all drivers within the record to view the details. Therefore, it is anticipated it would take in excess of 18hours to locate the requested information.

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.

Although excess costs remove GMP's obligations under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, as a gesture of goodwill (see below information), I have supplied information, relative to your request, that was retrieved / available before it was realised that the fees limit would be exceeded. I trust this is helpful, but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fees regulations for the remainder of your request.

Caveats: The data contained within the system is likely to be incomplete at this point, collision records will not be inputted immediately following a collision and some records will take time to complete depending on the nature of the collision. There is also no requirement to record all non-injury collisions unless an offence is suspected and many will not be reported.

Part 1 – 245. This refers to all collision severity including non-injury
Part 3 – 37

In this instance, Greater Manchester Police will be unable to provide advice for you to reduce Parts 2 & 4 of the request in order for the force to keep this within the fees limit in accordance with Section 16(1), the duty to provide advice and assistance, of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.