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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/23/011269/J

I write in connection with your request for information dated 30/08/2023, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

1(a) Number of reported burglaries in (i) 2022 (ii) between 01/01/2023 - 01/08/2023

1(b) Number of reported burglaries where police officers attended the scene in (i) 2022 (ii) between 01/01/2023 - 01/08/2023

1(c) Number of reported burglaries where a suspect was charged in (i) 2022 (ii) between 01/01/2023 - 01/08/2023

1(d) Number of reported burglaries where the case was closed with no suspect identified in (i) 2022 (ii) between 01/01/2023 - 01/08/2023

2(a) Number of shoplifting cases reported in (i) 2022 (ii) between 01/01/2023 - 01/08/2023

2(b) Number of shoplifting cases reported where police officers attended the scene in (i) 2022 (ii) between 01/01/2023 - 01/08/2023

2(c) Number of shoplifting cases reported where a suspect was charged in (i) 2022 (ii) between 01/01/2023 - 01/08/2023

2(d) Number of shoplifting cases reported where the case was closed with no suspect identified in (i) 2022 (ii) between 01/01/2023 - 01/08/2023

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, Greater Manchester Police (GMP) does not hold the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format. To provide the data requested for Question 2b about the number of shoplifting cases where police attended, would need us to manually review all the cases logged to see which are relevant to this question. As such there are over 90,000 cases during the timeframe requested, and it would take over 18hrs work to provide this information.

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 keep this within the fees limit, the information that you are requesting will be easier to provide if you removed 2b altogether. Providing a response to the remainder of this request may then be possible. However, 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.