

Date: 28/03/2024

Our ref: 01/FOI/24/012378/M

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/012378/M

I write in connection with your request for information dated 27/03/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Could you please send over data on how many cars have been stolen off driveways between January and December 2023. If you also had any data on the car model and whether it was a keyless vehicle, that would also be welcome.

Could you present the information as an excel document splitting up between the months.

For example:

Jan 23 - XX amount of vehicles stolen /model type/ whether they were keyless - YES/NO

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

For GMP to be able to provide a response to this request it will require a substantial manual review of all the recorded crimes that relate to this request. Initial searches show there are over 7k crimes recorded under vehicle theft in 2023. These would need to be manually reviewed to ascertain whether the vehicle taken was a car, the location it was taken from, and further details about the vehicle. Due to the scale of review that will be required it is expected to exceed 18hrs to complete this request.

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 you are requesting will need revising to a shorter timeframe and a reduction in the volume questions may also assist. 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.

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