

Date: 18th March 2024
Our ref: FOI/23/012218/X

I write in connection with your request for information dated 26/02/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I am writing to request specific information related to household burglaries within your area of responsibility. Under the above-mentioned Act I would like you to provide me with the following information please:

For the calendar year;

2023

Question 1)

How many household burglaries were reported?

Question 2)

How many burglaries were reported where the entry point to the household was via a front door?

Question 3)

How many burglaries were reported where the entry point to the household was via a back door?

Question 4)

How many burglaries were reported where the entry point to the household was via a patio/french style door?

Question 5)

How many burglaries were reported where the entry point to the household was via a window?

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police (GMP) to locate information relevant to your request. I can confirm that the information you have requested is held by GMP.

However, GMP does not hold the information that you have requested in question 2 – 5 in an easily retrievable format. In order to provide a response to these questions all crimes would need to be manually reviewed. A search of GMPs records shows a total of 12,780 crimes with a created date in 2023. At a very conservative estimate of 10 minutes per crime would take this request to in excess of 2,130 hours to ascertain the data required.

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 need to be reduced to a much shorter time period. 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

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

Question 1 – There are 12,780 records for residential burglary on our system with a created date in 2023. This is excluding cancelled crimes.