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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/24/012980/Y

I write in connection with your request for information dated 24/07/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Thank you so much for responding to my FOI request and for the inclusion of the data you were able to provide. I'm emailing to say I would like to re-submit a refined version of my request which omits section B and section A - as this has already been provided. Therefore, I would like to request the following data from the Greater Manchester Police:

- *The neighbourhood or postcode of each business involved in a shoplifting offence logged by the force between 01/01/2023 and 31/12/2023*
- *The month in which each shoplifting offence logged by the force between 01/01/2023 and 31/12/2023 occurred*

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.

Caveats:

In July 2019, GMP implemented one of the largest IT infrastructure changes in UK policing. The systems are in continual development and the data provided for this request is what the systems currently hold.

- This data contains crimes with a created date between 01/01/23 and 12/12/23, with a Home Office offence of 046/00 'theft from shops and stalls', excluding cancelled crimes. Further information about cancelled crimes can be obtained from the Home Office Counting Rules.

- We are aware of various system issues affecting committed at locations for new and migrated crimes (see below for details). These issues mean that data for a specific location may include crimes that did not happen in that location and/or exclude crimes that did.
 - o Some crimes do not have a beat code, which means that they cannot be mapped to other geographies e.g. districts.
 - o Some crimes have an incorrect beat code, which means that they are mapped to the wrong geographies.
 - o Some crimes do not have an address because e.g. the address has been recorded in a non-standard format or as map coordinates.
- We are aware of a system issue that allows more than one committed at address to be added to a crime, which is incorrect as stated in the Home Office Counting Rules. This issue affects 10 crimes in this response.

Due to the low numbers returned for neighbourhoods/postcodes within a districts the data has been provided split by district as by providing all this information broken down to neighbourhood or postcode as you have requested would significantly increase the likelihood of identifying the individual(s) concerned, and as such the exemption under S40(2) – Personal Information, would be engaged and result in information being refused. By merging this data, it can be provided in its entirety.

District	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Bolton	154	154	151	113	132	125	131	187	160	182	114	94
Bury	79	75	88	81	93	75	83	87	85	75	69	51
CoM Central	144	183	173	172	157	144	176	184	147	151	133	171
CoM North	89	86	73	63	62	60	111	75	71	134	99	93
CoM South	134	131	132	115	157	131	132	84	123	146	101	105
Airport	6	6	15	8	14	9	12	14	13	17	20	12
Oldham	64	100	107	85	116	115	126	112	113	180	105	101
Rochdale	129	114	135	120	125	115	98	92	95	123	112	84
Salford	111	105	136	116	107	118	113	121	107	114	97	91
Stockport	141	162	142	153	183	172	176	198	186	246	191	137
Tameside	126	108	99	107	98	76	143	160	126	125	126	86
Trafford	129	150	167	129	147	132	125	173	140	155	150	130
Wigan	118	163	178	147	151	97	153	139	145	166	166	121
Unknown	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	1	1	32	36