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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/013001/M

I write in connection with your request for information dated 25/07/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Please could you send me the following data available in your area on the following points, with figures to be broken down by month and to cover the period January 2023 to December 2023.

Please could you provide statistics for the number of vans reported broken in to and/or stolen (or had items stolen)

Please could you then provide the makes/models of vans most frequently targeted

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

GMP will be required to complete a manual review to identify a 'van' being the target of a vehicle offence in order to answer this request. A further review will be needed to locate the make/model of the vans and the list of contents stolen. During the dates provided, over 22,000 records have been found that will need reviewing. Due to the scale of work needed, this request will not be able to be answered within the 18hrs time limit allowed.

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 time frame. With any request that requires a manual review there is always a chance of a request being refused under S12 due to the enormity of work that is usually needed to provide the data, therefore 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.

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