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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/013034/V

I write in connection with your request for information dated 30/07/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Between January 2020 and January 2024, the number of reports of tools being stolen from vehicles

Between January 2020 and January 2024, the number of reports of tools being stolen from residential properties

Between January 2020 and January 2024, the number of reports of tools being stolen from construction sites

Please can I request this data to be broken down by year. I.e number of reports in 2020, 2021, 2022, etc.

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.

A manual review would be needed for all the theft offences during the years stated to be able to provide a response to this request. Our system does not record the location of the theft or what items stolen in a retrievable way without this review being completed. Between the dates above there are over 388,000 theft records and as such the time limit of 18hrs permitted to provide a response will be exceeded.

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 considerably 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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