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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/013638/R

I write in connection with your request for information dated 15/11/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Under the freedom of information act 2000, I request the following information:

How many shoplifting offences were recorded by the police force, each month, from January 2017 to December 2023?

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.

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 'Shoplifting' crimes with a created date between 01/01/2017 and 31/12/2023, excluding cancelled crimes. Further information about cancelled crimes can be obtained from the Home Office Counting Rules.

Management of Police Information regulations state that non-essential records should be removed from police systems six financial years after the year in which they were originally created. This means that data that is more than six financial years old may be incomplete and should not be compared to more recent data.

Month	Year						
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
January	1488	1366	1520	1488	880	1229	1424
February	1592	1504	1473	1556	871	1298	1537
March	1809	1579	1689	1287	961	1397	1596
April	1612	1613	1410	574	1046	1364	1410
May	1591	1481	1568	687	1140	1583	1542
June	1456	1452	1476	855	1043	1402	1369
July	1411	1460	1281	1054	1050	1214	1578
August	1472	1413	1365	1070	1243	1410	1628
September	1231	1321	1319	1033	1106	1397	1511
October	1460	1452	1412	1129	1264	1322	1814
November	1424	1438	1502	948	1296	1214	1510
December	1289	1270	1363	955	1151	1035	1310