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Friday, 15 March 2024

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/012189/J

I write in connection with your request for information dated 21/02/2024, I note you seek access to the following information:

I would like to place a Freedom of information request for the crime figures / statistics between October 1st 2023 to February 1st 2024 in Heald Green:

- 1) *For residential burglary*
- 2) *For business burglary / shoplifting*
- 3) *For car thefts*
- 4) *For gun / knife crime*

Result of Searches

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

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 1st October 2023 and 1st February 2024, excluding cancelled crimes. Further information about cancelled crimes can be obtained from the Home Office Counting Rules.

- The following criteria were used to identify each crime type:
 - Residential burglary – crime tree level 4 ‘residential burglary’.
 - Business burglary – crime tree level 4 ‘business and community burglary’.
 - Shoplifting – Home Office offence 046/00 ‘theft from shops and stalls’.
 - Car theft – Home Office classifications 37/2 ‘aggravated vehicle taking’ and 48 ‘theft or unauthorised taking of a motor vehicle’ have been used to identify vehicle theft. A manual review conducted to ascertain which of these are car thefts.
 - Gun crime – the definition for ADR 131 was used to identify firearm crimes.
 - Knife crime – the definition for ADR 160 was used to identify knife crimes. There is currently an on-going issue with the system that we use to identify knife crimes (NDQIS). There have been no knife crimes classified or processed since the end of September 2023, therefore there is no data available for this during the requested time period.
- The data for a specific location may include crimes that did not happen in that location and/or exclude crimes that did.
 - Some crimes do not have a beat code, which means that they cannot be mapped to other geographies e.g. districts.
 - Some crimes have an incorrect beat code, which means that they are mapped to the wrong geographies.
 - Some crimes do not have an address because e.g. the address has been recorded in a non-standard format or as map coordinates.

Part 1 - The number of residential burglary crimes is 49.

Part 2 - The number of business and community burglary crimes is 6. The number of shoplifting crimes is 182.

Part 3 - The number of car thefts is 10.

Part 4 - There were 0 firearms or knife crimes found on our system.