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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/012136/W

I write in connection with your request for information dated 13/02/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

1. How many suspicious parcels were reported to your police force from January 1st 2023 – January 1st 2024? This might include:

- ***Parcels with protruding wires, aluminium foil, or oil stains***
- ***Parcels emitting a peculiar odour***
- ***Greasy or oily patches on the package***
- ***Packages sealed in such a way so as to encourage opening the package at a particular end***
- ***Unusually printed address that might include spelling errors***
- ***Adverse physical reaction to the handling of the package – e.g., itching or irritation***
- ***No return address or return address that cannot be verified***
- ***Unusual postmark or no postmark***

2. If possible, can you provide a month by month breakdown of the number of suspicious parcels reported (from any address).

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 incidents recorded with closing code G73 'suspicious package/object', with a created date between 01/01/2023 and 01/01/2024, excluding incidents with a closing code of L10 Duplicate, L19 Error or L22 Test or training.

Month Year	Count of Suspicious Package / Object incidents
January 2023	38
February 2023	33
March 2023	29
April 2023	39
May 2023	52
June 2023	34
July 2023	47
August 2023	48
September 2023	40
October 2023	35
November 2023	48
December 2023	38