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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/013447/M

I write in connection with your request for information dated 15/10/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from Greater Manchester Police. Please may you provide me with:

- 1. The number of times your police force has been called about a vehicle or machinery theft at a construction site within the last five years (calendar years are fine).*
- 2. Further, the number of times you were called about a vehicle or machinery theft at a construction site and were able to recover the asset in the last five years (calendar years are fine).*

If possible, please specify what vehicle or machinery was stolen, within the last five years (calendar years are fine).

That information would be appreciated if you could break the data down by region/ city.

If it is not possible to provide the information requested due to the information exceeding the cost of compliance limits identified in Section 12, please provide advice and assistance, under the Section 16 obligations of the Act, as to how I can refine my request.

If you can identify any ways that my request could be refined I would be grateful for any further advice and assistance.

Thank you for your time and I look forward to your response.

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.

Greater Manchester Police (GMP) does not hold the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format. To provide the data requested would involve a manual search of all 101 and 999 calls received in your timeframe to establish if the call was related to stolen machinery or vehicles from construction sites.

GMP received 1,482,086 calls in 2023 alone. Therefore, to comply with the whole of your request and review 5 years' worth of calls would clearly take over 18 hours' work which exceeds the appropriate limit of £450.00, the amount to which we are legally required to respond.

As per section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the cost of providing you with the information is therefore 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 that you are requesting will need to be reduced to a greatly reduced time period. 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