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Thursday, 03 October 2024

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/013361/H

I write in connection with your request for information dated 01/10/2024, I note you seek access to the following information:

- 1. Which postcode districts in your jurisdiction have the most incidences of vehicle theft in 2024, so far?*
- 2. How many vehicle thefts have been recorded in 2024, so far?*
- 3. How many vehicle thefts have been recorded in the entirety of 2023?*

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.

Part 1 postcode data - The information has been exempted from disclosure under **Section 40(2) Personal Information** – this information constitutes personal data of an identifiable living individual, and to disclose this information would breach the principles of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018. Personal data is defined by Section 1 of the Data Protection Act 1998 and means data that relates to an individual who can be identified directly or indirectly from that data.

I have provided the data in Beat name and district instead. Further information on the beat name can be found [here](#).

Response

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 01/01/2024 and 31/08/2024 for parts 1 and 2, and 01/01/2023 and 31/12/2023 for part 3, where the Home Office classification was either 37/2 'Aggravated Vehicle Taking' or 48 'Theft or Unauthorised Taking of a Motor Vehicle', excluding cancelled crimes. Further information about cancelled crimes can be obtained from the Home Office Counting Rules.
- We are aware of various system issues affecting committed at locations for new and migrated crimes (see below for details). These issues mean that 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.
- We are aware of a system issue that allows more than one committed at address to be added to a crime, which is incorrect as stated in the Home Office Counting Rules. This means that the total count of crimes in part 1 does not equal the total number of crimes as per part 2 due to several crimes being recorded under multiple beats/districts.

Data

1.

Crime : Reported Beat Name	Crime : District Name
Leigh West	Wigan

2. 4,061

3. 7,487