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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/013468/R

I write in connection with your request for information dated 16/10/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Request 1.

The number of car robberies reported each month for the last 24 months.

I would also like a breakdown each month for the last 24 months of how many car robberies were reported after a house break-in

Request 2.

I would like to know how many cars were reported as stolen each month for the last 24 months. If data can only be collected on an annual basis then I would like the information for the last 5 years please

I would then like another table which breaks down which areas of Greater Manchester these crimes were reported. I would also like this data to be presented on a monthly basis. If that is not possible then annual for the last 5 years

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.

However, GMP does not hold the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format.

GMP do not have a field to directly filter the data that is required within the above FOI request. To provide this information, it will require a manual review of the results using specific HO codes such as 37/2 'aggravated vehicle taking' and 48 'theft or unauthorised taking of a motor vehicle' for request 1. Similarly, with request 2, a review of the results using such closing codes as C03 Burglary inc. bogus/distraction caller & C07 Vehicle Crime amongst others would need to be carried out to provide

the requested data. As such, for request 1 there are over 14,000 results and over 147,000 results for request 2 over a shorter 2-year period. Due to this the request will not be able to be responded to in under the 18hrs permitted.

Therefore, as per **section 12(1)** of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the cost of providing you with the information is 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.

In this instance, Greater Manchester Police will be unable able to provide advice for you to reduce the request in order for the force to keep this within the fees limit in accordance with Section 16(1), the duty to provide advice and assistance, of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Should you wish to refine and resubmit your request in line with the advice above please respond to freedomofinformation@gmp.police.uk.