

Date: 16th September 2024
Our ref: FOI/24/013249/I

I write in connection with your request for information dated 12/09/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

How many tech devices have stolen in the street so far in 2024?

How many tech devices were stolen in the street in 2023?

How many tech devices were stolen in the street in 2019?

What are the most commonly stolen tech devices stolen in the street so far in 2024?

What were the most commonly stolen tech devices stolen in the street in 2023?

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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.

However, GMP does not hold the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format. To determine if an item stolen during a crime was a 'tech device' we would have to manually review all theft from a person crimes. An initial search of GMP's records shows a total of 2,422 theft from a person crimes for 2024 so far. At a very conservative estimate of 5 minutes per record would take this request to in excess of 201.8 hours to ascertain the data required.

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.

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 much shorter 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