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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/013086/H

I write in connection with your request for information dated 08/08/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

The number of electric car charging vandalism incidents since 2019, listed by year and month, and if possible listed by public and private chargers. This includes theft, cable cuts, and intentional damage to the electric car charging points.

Clarification - Please could you search criminal damage crimes with the keywords “electric”, “charge”, and “charger”.

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 crimes with a created date between 01/01/2019 and 31/08/2024 where the crime description or crime MO description contains 'electric' or 'charge' and the Home Office sub-category is 'criminal damage', excluding cancelled crimes. Further information about cancelled crimes can be obtained from the Home Office Counting Rules. Please note:

- The keyword methodology does not account for spelling errors.
- The appearance of the keywords in the text fields does not necessarily mean that records are relevant to this request.

Month	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Total
January	18	9	14	21	36	32	130
February	23	10	13	30	26	36	138
March	8	22	18	27	25	29	129
April	21	10	27	25	33	32	148
May	18	15	14	30	35	37	149
June	19	16	24	18	35	47	159
July	21	17	14	26	43	30	151
August	21	9	17	25	27	36	135
September	17	26	22	19	33	0	117
October	21	15	14	26	38	N/A	114
November	20	21	21	34	35	N/A	131
December	16	19	20	29	40	N/A	124
Total	223	189	218	310	406	279	1625