

Date: 18th September 2024
Our ref: FOI/24/013213/W

I write in connection with your request for information dated 04/09/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I'm looking for information on phone, laptop and watch thefts in Manchester from the following dates:

- Between 1st January 2023 to 31st December 2023.***
- From 1st January 2024 till now.***

Here are my following questions:

- How many of the three items (phone, laptop and watches) were reported stolen during the two time frames?***
- How many items were recovered during the two time frames?***
- Which areas had the most reports of the stolen items and how many in the two time frames?***

Please can the data of each stolen item be shared for each month of the years requested, in an itemised spreadsheet on two spreadsheets (Reported v. Recovered).

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. There are no specific offences for watch, laptop or phone theft and we do not have a search field to determine what property was taken during a theft crime. To provide a response we would need to

manually review all theft offences. An initial search of GMP's records shows over 158,000 crimes recorded between the dates under theft offences. As such it is anticipated to exceed the 18 hour limit to provide a response.

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