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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/015133/E

I write in connection with your request for information dated 17/07/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

1. *The number of recorded residential burglaries in your police force area where a key was used to gain entry to the property, for the following time periods: 1st January 2024 to 1st July 2024, 1st January 2024 to 31st December 2024, and 1st January 2025 to 1st July 2025.*
2. *The number of recorded residential burglaries in your police force area that involved properties with home security systems installed — for example, video doorbells such as Ring, or CCTV — for the following time periods: 1st January 2024 to 1st July 2024, 1st January 2024 to 31st December 2024, and 1st January 2025 to 1st July 2025.*

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 provide the data requested would involve a manual search of all burglary crimes to see if a key was used or if the residence had a security system.

A search of our crime records shows that there are 6,731 crime reports that would have to be manually reviewed. At a very conservative estimate of 5 minutes to locate, retrieve and review each file it would take approximately 560 hours to ascertain the data required. Therefore, to comply with the whole of your request the process would take over 18 hours' work which

exceeds the appropriate limit of £450.00, the amount to which we are legally required to respond.

As per section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the cost of providing you with the information is therefore 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 greatly reduced 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.