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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/015749/E

I write in connection with your request for information dated 25/11/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The purpose of this request is to gather data on (1) doorstep parcel thefts and (2) burglaries occurring during the festive period.

Specifically, I am seeking anonymised data on the following:

Burglaries during the festive period

1. The total number of recorded burglaries that occurred on the following dates: 24 December, 25 December, 26 December, 31 December and 1 January for each year 2020-2025 (inclusive).

For burglaries during the festive period, if held, indicate whether a suspect was charged for each offence, or if the case remained unsolved and no suspect was identified. If charge outcome data is not readily available, please still provide the number of burglaries by date.

Parcel thefts

2. The total number of recorded parcel thefts between 1 January 2020 and 29 October 2025, broken down by month and year.

If doorstep parcel thefts are not recorded as a specific crime category, please provide the nearest available equivalent (for example, theft from a dwelling, theft from doorstep, or similar).

If no such category exists, please identify relevant incidents by conducting a keyword search of crime reports or incident logs using terms such as parcel, package, delivery, or doorstep, and provide the number of records identified.

I confirm that I am not seeking any personal or identifying information about individuals involved in these cases. I would like you to provide the information in the following format:

Please provide the information in electronic format, preferably as an Excel spreadsheet or CSV file. Please avoid sending PDFs or Word documents if possible.

If you are unable to provide the specified information:

If you are unable to provide the specified information exactly as requested, please do not refuse the request on that basis (for example, if you can answer question 1 but not 2). Please provide any data you have that is relevant to the request and explain why the other information cannot be provided.

If it is not possible to provide the information requested due to the information exceeding the cost of compliance limits identified in Section 12, please provide advice and assistance, under the Section 16 obligations of the Act, as to how I can refine my request.



I appreciate your assistance with this request and look forward to your response within the statutory timeframe of 20 working days (by 25 November 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. There is no way for us to provide data on parcel theft from people's homes without manual reviews of all theft offences which is over 500,000 records for the time frame requested. I have also applied a keyword search to these crimes for 'parcel', 'package', 'delivery', or 'doorstep' and there are still 17,000 records to manually review to see which are relevant to your request.

At a very conservative estimate of 5 minutes to locate, retrieve and review each file it would take approximately 1,416 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.