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**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/015903/W**

I write in connection with your request for information dated 24/11/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

***I am writing to make a request about electric vehicle charging points under the Freedom of Information Act.***

***Please can you tell me for the calendar year to date how many incidents of a) theft and b) vandalism have been reported at EV charging points in your force area. Please specify if private (at someone's home) or public charging points.***

***Please provide the same information for 2024 and 2023. It seems to be that most thefts are of cables but please do not limit the search to that criteria.***

***I have attached a template below which I would be grateful if you could use?***

**2023**

**2024**

**2025**

**Public**

**Cable thefts**

**Vandalism**

**Private**

**Cable thefts**

**Vandalism**

**Total**

**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.

However, GMP does not hold the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format.

A response to this request cannot be completed without carrying out a manual review on all the crimes detected from our searches. We do not have a field that allows us to identify if the crime related to ***private (at someone's home) or public charging points, Public Cable thefts, Vandalism & Private Cable thefts***. This can only be completed with a full review of each MO or crime description to see how many of these have been recorded. We have completed a search where the crime description or crime MO description contains 'electric' or 'charge', and the crime tree level two field is 'all theft offences', or the HO subcategory field is 'criminal damage' and have performed a dip test, and the results show that while the appearance of these words appear in the report they cannot be relied upon as being relevant to this request, for example "electricity" is mentioned in many MO's but some do not relate to any theft of vandalism, and the same explanation for "charge". In total we located over 9000 crimes and to review each of these would exceed the limitations set in the FOIA.

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 attempt to keep this within the fees limit, the information you are requesting will need revising with a reduction in the time frame and a reduction in the volume of breakdowns required. With any request that requires a manual review there is always a chance of a request being refused under S12 due to the enormity of work that is usually needed to provide the data, therefore 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](mailto:freedomofinformation@gmp.police.uk).