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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/015923/A

I write in connection with your request for information dated 27/11/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Request 1.

In the area covered by Post Code M11 3DU or the relevant Police Beat Code which covers this Post Code,

Between 01/01/2024 and 27/11/2025,

Please can you tell me:

- i) How many reports the force recorded of an alleged theft?***
- ii) How many reports the force recorded of an alleged theft where the property allegedly stolen was recorded as 'Mobile Phone'?***

If possible and it does not exceed the cost threshold could this information be broken down by month and/or year.

FYI: I am aware 'Mobile Phone' may also relate to phone chargers, cables, etc rather than just mobile phones.

Request 2

In the area covered by Post Code M3 1AR or the relevant Police Beat Code which covers this Post Code,

Between 01/01/2024 and 27/11/2025,

Please can you tell me:

i) How many reports the force recorded of an alleged theft?

ii) How many reports the force recorded of an alleged theft where the property allegedly stolen was recorded as 'Mobile Phone'?

If possible and it does not exceed the cost threshold could this information be broken down by month and/or year.

FYI: I am aware 'Mobile Phone' may also relate to phone chargers, cables, etc rather than just mobile phones.

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.

GMP will be unable to respond to part (ii) of both sections without conducting a full review manually of each report that matches this FOI. The information on what items are stolen or alleged to have been stolen do not carry a separate search field on our system and so the review of each log would be the only way to know how many match this request. For request one there are over 700 records, and for request 2, there are over 2200 records. To review these sections to provide a response would take in the region of 240hrs if we assumed a rate of 5 minutes per each check.

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 the removal of sections (ii) from both requests. Alternatively, we could attempt a key word search. This would require a list of words to be provided by yourself, however, please note words such as "phone" could generate many results that have no relevance to what you are looking for. 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.

Although excess costs remove GMP's obligations under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, as a gesture of goodwill I have supplied some information relative to your request that was retrieved before it was realised that the fees limit would be exceeded (see below information). I hope that this is of use to you, but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fee's regulations for the remainder of your request.

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.

- The data contains all crime tree level 2 'theft offences' with beat A1A1 Strangeways, A1K1 Philips Park, A2C1 St Anns, or A1L1 Holt Town, with a created date between 01/01/2024 and 27/11/2025, excluding cancelled crimes and crimes classified as fraud. Further information about cancelled crimes can be obtained from the Home Office Counting Rules. Details regarding fraud crime can be obtained by contacting the NFIB.
- We are aware of various system issues affecting committed at locations for new and migrated crimes (see below for details). These issues mean that data for a specific location may include crimes that did not happen in that location and/or exclude crimes that did.
 - Some crimes do not have a beat code, which means that they cannot be mapped to other geographies e.g. districts.
 - Some crimes have an incorrect beat code, which means that they are mapped to the wrong geographies.
 - Some crimes do not have an address because e.g. the address has been recorded in a non-standard format or as map coordinates.

Please see data for both requests.

Request 1 – is beats Strangeways and St Anns

Request 2 – is beats Philips park and Holt Town

Crime Create Date / Reported Beat	A1A1 Strangeways	A1K1 Philips Park	A2C1 St Anns	A1L1 Holt Town
January 2024	31	16	78	16
February 2024	22	25	79	36
March 2024	39	9	103	24
April 2024	23	16	84	22
May 2024	30	12	91	20
June 2024	24	24	101	11
July 2024	19	20	77	21
August 2024	14	16	57	9
September 2024	24	21	66	12
October 2024	33	21	80	11
November 2024	25	22	62	15
December 2024	21	14	78	14
January 2025	27	14	70	8
February 2025	21	9	72	11
March 2025	33	16	62	12
April 2025	24	13	70	13
May 2025	28	11	62	12
June 2025	28	15	60	13
July 2025	29	9	53	21
August 2025	25	11	82	12
September 2025	22	13	66	14
October 2025	33	26	75	15
November 2025 (up to and including 27th)	22	8	52	9