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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/015984/N

I write in connection with your request for information dated 09/12/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Please provide a CSV file containing all motor vehicles recorded as stolen in your force area for the most recent five calendar years available.

The dataset should contain one row per stolen vehicle with the following fields only

- * Make***
- * Model***
- * Year of manufacture***
- * Date of offence***

If possible, please also provide an aggregated table in the format Make | Model | Year of Manufacture | Number of vehicles stolen in the last 5 years

Please ensure that Model refers to the specific model name and is not grouped into broader families, for example output "Audi A3" rather than "Audi A".

I am not requesting VRMs, VINs, personal data, or anything that would exceed cost limits.

If any part of this request would exceed the cost limit, please provide the data for as many of the last 5 years as can be supplied within the limit.

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 some of the information requested may held by GMP.

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

GMP would only be able to comply with this FOI in full by carrying out a manual review for all theft of a motor vehicle offences that occurred between 01/01/2020 and 31/12/2024. This is because we do not have a search field within our systems that allows for the easy identification for the type of vehicle the theft relates to. While it is likely some information will be recorded in the MO description, some may not all be recorded, however, we need to check all to be able to provide an accurate response. For the requested time frame, there have been over 30,000 offences reported and to review each of this to answer this FOI would exceed the time limit of 18hrs under 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 a reduction in the time frame requested. However, 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.