

**Date:** 27<sup>th</sup> January 2025  
**Our ref:** FOI/25/014034/U

I write in connection with your request for information dated 22/01/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

***Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I am writing to formally request the following information regarding motor vehicle thefts within the Greater Manchester Police for the period from 01/01/2020 to 31/12/2024:***

***Definition of Request:***

***For the purposes of this request, "motor vehicle theft" refers to the offense of taking a motor vehicle without consent as defined under Section 12 of the Theft Act 1968. Whilst I understand some Police Force Areas record theft of motor vehicles differently (e.g. Theft of Motor Vehicle, Aggravated Vehicle Taking), any data matching the concept of motor vehicle theft is sufficient.***

***Requested Information:***

- 1. Incident Number: A unique numeric identifier for each incident (this does not need to correspond with your internal system).***
- 2. Date and Time: The date and time of the incident occurrence or, if unavailable, the date and time of the report. If time data is not recorded, please provide the date only.***
- 3. Location: The most granular location data available (or that you are allowed to provide) for each incident, preferably in latitude and longitude coordinates. If latitude/longitude cannot be provided, please return the next most granular location data available.***
- 4. Manufacturer: The vehicle's manufacturer. If this is not a distinct column in your records, please provide the free text field where a vehicle's manufacturer is mentioned.***
- 5. Model: The vehicle's model. If this is not a distinct column in your records, please provide the free text field where a vehicle's model is mentioned.***

**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 a response to question 4 and 5 would require a manual review of all records returned to determine the manufacturer and model of the vehicle. A search of GMPs records has returned over 37,000 records for the time period requested. As such, it is anticipated it would take in excess of 18 hours to provide the requested information.

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 keep this within the fees limit, the information that you are requesting will need to be reduced to a much shorter time period and a reduction in the volume of questions asked for example questions 1-3 only. 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)