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Our ref: 01/FOI/25/014070/Y

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/014070/Y**

I write in connection with your request for information dated 28/01/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

1. *Please can you provide details of the number of motor vehicles stolen within your Force area for calendar years 2022, 2023 and 2024*
2. *Please can you provide details of the number of motor vehicles subject to the 'unauthorised taking of a motor vehicle' within your Force area for calendar years 2022, 2023 and 2024*
3. *Please can you provide the Make and exact Model recorded on your crime recording system in relation to request 1 and 2 within your Force area for calendar years 2022, 2023 and 2024*
4. *Please can you advise how many of these motor vehicles were equipped with keyless entry*

**Result of Searches**

Greater Manchester Police (GMP) does not hold the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format. To provide the data requested in questions 1, 3 and 4 would involve a manual search of all crime reports under the Home Office classification 48 "Theft or Unauthorised Taking of a Motor Vehicle" to establish the requested information, if indeed it is recorded at all.

A search of our records shows that there are 21,435 crime reports that would have to be manually reviewed. At a very conservative estimate of 5 minutes to locate, retrieve and review each file it would take approximately 1,786 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(2) 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](mailto:freedomofinformation@gmp.police.uk)