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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/014192/L

I write in connection with your request for information dated 11/02/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I am getting in touch to request some data on garage break-ins in your area please.

Under the freedom of information act, we would like to request the following...

- 1. Total number of garage break-ins in your area in 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024*
- 2. Peak month (and number of break-ins that month) in 2023*
- 3. Peak month (and number of break-ins that month) in 2024*
- 4. Top locations or postcodes for break-ins in 2024 (and number reported here)*

*If this request is too extensive, please can you focus on points 1 and 3 of the request.
If that is still too extensive, then please focus on point 1 only.*

Clarification - Please can I use 28M Residential Burglary of Unconnected Building

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 would not be able to identify how many “garage” break ins took place without completing a manual review on the HO classification 28M Residential Burglary of Unconnected Building. This information is not stored anywhere centrally for easy extraction and so this would be the only way to provide this data. Results reveal almost 1700 records that fall into this review from 2020-2024. This request would take in the region of 141 hr to complete.

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 shorter time frame and a reduction in the volume of extra information 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.