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Our ref: 01/FOI/25/014284/O

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/014284/O

I write in connection with your request for information dated 24/02/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Would you be able to supply the below information please:

- *Total number of pet thefts in 2024 (January-December)*

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.

For GMP to be able to provide a response to this request it will require a substantial manual review of all the theft offences recorded in 2024. Due to how our systems record theft information we are unable to determine the items stolen without carrying out this review. It will be needed to know if the theft that took place was that of a pet.

In 2024 there was over 25,000 theft crimes recorded. To carry out a manual review on these results would far exceed the time limits permitted. 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.