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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/014429/N

I write in connection with your request for information dated 18/03/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I am writing to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding incidents of defibrillator theft within the jurisdiction of Greater Manchester.

Please provide the following information for each calendar year from March 28 2023 to the present:

The number of reported cases of defibrillator theft.

The number of defibrillators stolen in these incidents (if available).

Any relevant statistics on arrests, charges, or convictions related to these thefts (if available).

If it is possible to break this data down by district, area, or location within your jurisdiction, that would be appreciated.

If this request is too broad or difficult to process in one go, I would be grateful if you could narrow the scope to a specific time frame or region that might be more feasible.

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 recorded thefts for the time periods requested. Our systems do not have a searchable field to

be able to easily determine what items have been stolen/taken and so a review would be the only way to extract this information. For the time frame you have requested, there have been over 179,000 records logged and so to review each one would far exceed the 18hr permitted to provide this information.

If one part of the request engages a Section 12 response, the whole request will engage a Section 12 response. The reason being is locating, retrieving and extracting any further information would only add to the already exceeded time obligations and so no other searches have been completed at this stage.

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 considerably smaller time frame and a reduction in the volume of information required. 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.