

Date: 8th January 2025
Our ref: FOI/25/013898/E

I write in connection with your request for information dated 03/01/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information:

***The total number of mobile phone thefts in the following years (Jan-Dec):
I would be grateful if you could provide this information in the above formats within an excel spreadsheet. If it is not possible to provide the information requested due to the cost and time involved, please provide advice and assistance, as to how I can refine my request.***

If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact me via email or phone and I would be very happy to clarify what I am asking for. My details are outlined below. Thank you for your time and help in this matter.

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.

We are unable to search for specific items stolen during a crime. To determine if the property stolen during a theft offence is a mobile phone we would need to manually review all crimes. A search has been conducted of GMPs records for 'theft offences' where either the MO description or crime description contains 'mobile'. This search for the period requested returned 18,581 records. 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.

However, in accordance with Section 16(1) – the duty to provide advice and assistance – of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, Greater Manchester Police will be unable able to provide advice for you to reduce the request in order for the force to keep this within the fees limit.

Should you wish to refine and resubmit your request in line with the advice above please respond to freedomofinformation@gmp.police.uk