

Date: 20/12/2024
Our ref: 01/FOI/24/013825/S

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/013825/S

I write in connection with your request for information dated 16/12/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

- 1. What were the total number of dog theft crimes in 2023 (monthly breakdown if possible)?***
- 2. What was the outcome (charge/summons, community resolution, active investigation, evidential difficulties, no suspect identified) for each dog theft crime in 2023?***
- 3. How many dogs were listed with each dog theft crime in 2023?***
- 4. If this question doesn't take us beyond the time required for free FOI feedback, can details about stolen dog breed, gender, age, and location of theft (walk, home, garden, outside shop, from car etc) also be provided for 2023 please?***
- 5. If this question doesn't take us beyond the time required for free FOI feedback, can postcode of recorded crime and CRN be included?***

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.

A manual review will be required for all the theft crimes reported. A search was carried out and it has revealed there were 99k theft offences in 2023 that would need to be manually reviewed to ascertain if 'dog' was something taken during the crime. As a result of this substantial review being needed this request will not be able to be completed within the 18hrs permitted to provide a response.

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.

In this instance, due to the scale of review that would need to be carried out, 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 in accordance with Section 16(1), the duty to provide advice and assistance, of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

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