

Date: 10th January 2025
Our ref: FOI/25/013938/V

I write in connection with your request for information dated 08/01/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Please confirm how many reports of tool theft, and tool theft from vehicles, per month you recorded in 2023 and 2024.

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.

To determine the type of property stolen during a crime would require a manual review of all theft offence records. An initial search of GMPs records returned 187,517 theft offences between 1st January 2023 and 31st December 2024. At a conservative estimate of 5 minutes per crime would take this request to in excess of 15,626 hours to ascertain the data required.

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