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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/25/014687/D

I write in connection with your request for information dated 30/04/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

In 2018, there were 448 burglaries in the Withington policing area, according to Home Office figures - more than anywhere else in the city of Manchester. Homes in Withington are being burgled at an average rate of more than one every day - and in 94 per cent of cases, the crook got away with it (quoted from a Manchester Evening News article in 2019).

Can you provide some figures on the number of burglaries that have occurred in the Withington policing area year on year from 2018?

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.

Caveats:

In July 2019, GMP implemented one of the largest IT infrastructure changes in UK policing. The systems are in continual development and the data provided for this request is what the systems currently hold.

This data contains crimes classified under crime tree level four as 'Residential Burglary' with a community name of 'Withington', with a created date between '01/01/2018' and '30/04/2025', excluding cancelled crimes and crimes classified as fraud. Further information about cancelled crimes can be obtained from the Home Office Counting Rules. Details regarding fraud crime can be obtained by contacting the NFIB.

We are aware of various system issues affecting committed at locations for new and migrated crimes (see below for details). These issues mean that data for a specific location may include crimes that did not happen in that location and/or exclude crimes that did.

- Some crimes do not have a beat code, which means that they cannot be mapped to other geographies e.g. districts.
- Some crimes have an incorrect beat code, which means that they are mapped to the wrong geographies.
- Some crimes do not have an address because e.g. the address has been recorded in a non-standard format or as map coordinates.

Crime Created Year	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Crime Volume	426	333	242	190	206	90	125	26