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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/015675/D

I write in connection with your request for information dated 16/10/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I am getting in touch to request some data on break-ins in your area please.

Under the freedom of information act, we would like to request the following...

- *Data on the method of entry for burglaries in the area since the start of 2022, using any standard categories the force holds (e.g. front door, rear door, window, garage, shed/outbuilding, other, unknown).*
- *How many burglaries are 'forced entry' v 'unforced entry'.*

If any clarification is required, please let me know.

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.

GMP do not hold any data in a way that can be easily achievable to match this request. A manual review of all residential burglary crimes would be required to ascertain the methods of entry and to understand how many are classified as forced entry' v 'unforced entry'. There are 47k records that fall within this category for your chosen timeframe and so to complete this FOI would exceed the a18hrs permitted to do so under the FOIA.

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 significantly reduced time frame.

With any request that requires a manual review there is always a chance of a request being refused under S12 due to the enormity of work that is usually needed to provide the data, therefore 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.