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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/015077/N

I write in connection with your request for information dated 08/07/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

We are conducting research on behalf of a leading electric vehicle (EV) charge point operator to better understand the scale of vandalism affecting EV chargers, trends over time and the level of enforcement action being taken.

Under the Freedom of Information Act, we kindly request the following information from your service:

1. *How many incidents involving vandalism or criminal damage targeting public EV charge points were recorded by your force for each of the following years:*
 - 2022
 - 2023
 - 2024
 - 2025 (to date)
2. *How many incidents involving theft targeting public EV charge points were recorded by your force for each of the following years:*
 - 2022
 - 2023
 - 2024
 - 2025 (to date)
3. *For the incidents identified in questions 1 and 2, how many led to:*
 - *Investigations being opened*
 - *Arrests being made*
 - *Charges or prosecutions*

4. What was the total amount of fines issued in relation to these offences – please break down for the years:

- 2022
- 2023
- 2024
- 2025 (to date)

In your response, please confirm whether we may reuse the information provided for reporting and publication (e.g. in news media), research purposes and stakeholder communications (e.g. policy engagement, briefings).

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I also note your clarification, received on 07/08/2025:

Thank you for letting me know. Please can we use the following keywords:

- EV charger
- Electric Vehicle charger
- EV cable
- EV plug
- Electric Vehicle cable
- Electric Vehicle plug
- EV charge point
- EV charge station
- EV charge hub

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.

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 with a created date between 1st January 2022 and 1st September 2025 where the crime description or crime MO description contains 'EV charger', 'Electric Vehicle charger', 'EV cable', 'EV plug', 'Electric Vehicle cable', 'Electric Vehicle plug', 'EV charge point', 'EV charge station' or 'EV charge hub', 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. Please note:

- The keyword methodology does not account for spelling errors.
 - The appearance of the keywords in the text fields does not necessarily mean that records are relevant to this request.
 - The crime description or crime MO description may contain sensitive information and should be redacted before the data is released to the requester.
1. One criminal damage crime recorded in 2025. None recorded in other years.
 2. Two theft crimes recorded, one in 2022 and one in 2025. None recorded in other years.
 3. All crimes are investigated. No arrests or charges were made. No information is held by GMP in relation to prosecutions. Please contact the Crown Prosecution Service for this information.
 4. No information is held by GMP. Fines are issued by the courts, not the police. Please contact His Majesty's Courts and Tribunal Service for this.