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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/015316/J

I write in connection with your request for information dated 11/08/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request the following information for your entire police force area:

1. Theft from Motor Vehicle - Wheels/Tyres Please provide the total number of recorded offences of "theft from a motor vehicle" where wheels and/or tyres were stolen, for each of the last five years (2020–2024).

For this request, "wheels/tyres stolen" refers to any recorded offence where at least one wheel, tyre, or alloy was stolen from a vehicle.

Please provide data by calendar year (Jan–Dec) if available, or by financial year (Apr–Mar) if this is how your data is recorded, and state which has been used.

If "wheels/tyres" are not recorded as a distinct category, please identify relevant offences using Home Office offence codes or keyword searches in the offence description (whichever is easier) and state the codes/keywords used.

If no breakdown for wheels/tyres is available, please provide figures for the nearest available category (e.g., all "vehicle parts stolen") and state the category used.

2. Monthly Breakdown

If available without exceeding cost/time limits, please also provide the above figures broken down by month for each year.

If monthly figures are not available or would exceed cost limits, please provide annual totals instead.

3. Offence Coding

Please include any relevant Home Office offence codes or internal category descriptions used in the extraction if possible.

4. Output Format

Please provide the data in a spreadsheet format (e.g. CSV or XLSX).

If any part of this request is unclear, or if fulfilling it in its current form would exceed cost limits, please let me know how it could be refined.

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 provide the data requested would involve a manual search of all Theft from Motor Vehicle crimes to see if the item stolen was a wheel or a tyre.

A search of our crime records shows that there are 1,204 crimes that would have to be reviewed manually. At a very conservative estimate of 5 minutes to locate, retrieve and review each file it would take approximately 100 hours to ascertain the data required.

Therefore, to comply with the whole of your request the process would take over 18 hours' work which exceeds the appropriate limit of £450.00, the amount to which we are legally required to respond.

As per section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the cost of providing you with the information is therefore 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 keep this within the fees limit, the information that you are requesting will need to be reduced to a greatly reduced time period. 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