

**Date:** 01/09/2025  
**Our ref:** 01/FOI/25/015374/T

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/015374/T**

I write in connection with your request for information dated 19/08/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

***I would like to request the following information regarding crime reports that mention "Lime" or "Lime bikes" within your police force's jurisdiction.***

***Please provide the following data for the period from 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2024:***

***1. The total number of crime reports where the narrative or description explicitly mentions "Lime" or "Lime bikes" - please include the years 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024***

**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.

For GMP to be able to provide a response to this request it will require a substantial manual review of all the recorded thefts that relate to this offence using the key words provided. We do not have a field to establish what items have been stolen and so the keywords would be the best way to search, however a review of all the results would be needed to weed out the ones that are not relevant and do not match your request. Results have revealed over 1000 records and to review each of these would exceed the 18hrs permitted to respond.

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 reduced timeframe. 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](mailto:freedomofinformation@gmp.police.uk).