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Our ref: 01/FOI/26/017310/G

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/017310/G

I write in connection with your request for information dated 27/07/2026, I note you seek access to the following information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please could you provide the following information relating to your police force area for the most recent 12-month period for which data is available.

1. *Motorcycle/Moped Theft:*
The total number of recorded offences involving the theft (or unauthorised taking) of motorcycles, motorbikes and mopeds.
2. *Suspect Age:*
Where a suspect has been identified in offences relating to the theft (or unauthorised taking) of motorcycles, motorbikes and mopeds, please provide the number of identified suspects broken down by age, or by age bands if exact ages cannot be disclosed.
3. *Moped-Enabled Crime:*
The total number of recorded moped-enabled thefts (or offences flagged as moped-enabled) during the same period.

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police to locate information relevant to your request. I can confirm that the information you have requested is held by Greater Manchester Police.

However, GMP does not hold the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format.

There is no specific Home Office offence code nor flag on the system on "Motorcycles/Mopeds were reported stolen" and manual reviews on all relevant records. Within the requested timeframe, there have been 5,901 theft or unauthorised taking of a motor vehicle offences that

would need to be manually reviewed to determine whether the vehicle taken was a motorbike/moped. As such, it is anticipated it would take in excess of 18hours to provide the requested information.

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.

In this instance, Greater Manchester Police will be unable to provide advice for you to reduce the request in order for the force to keep this within the fees limit in accordance with Section 16(1), the duty to provide advice and assistance, of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

We can provide statistics by the Home Office codes if any meet your criteria. Please see the below on how we record crimes:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/counting-rules-for-recorded-crime>