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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/015712/R

I write in connection with your request for information dated 12/02/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Please provide the following information for calendar years 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025.

Annual counts of reported crime incidents where the property stolen, damaged or vandalised was an EV charging device / cable / connector. Include incidents categorised under:

**** Theft***

**** Criminal damage***

(If possible, also include "Theft from vehicle" where EV specific charging equipment was stolen.) For each category above, provide the annual counts by location type:

**** Public charging station***

**** Private residential charger***

**** Commercial/business premises***

If available, annual aggregates of repair/replacement cost associated with the incidents above.

Where possible, annual totals by postcode sector (e.g. NE1, LS6) to allow geographic analysis.

If available, annual counts of outcomes (e.g. arrest, detection).

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 for the time periods requested. Our systems do not have a searchable field to be able to easily determine what property has been stolen/taken/vandalised and so a review would be the only way to extract this information. This review would also extend for determining the type of property associated with each crime. For the time frame you have requested, there have been over 476,000 records located and so to review each one would exceed the time limit permitted in 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 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.