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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/016001/X

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

I would like to refine the request in order to bring it within the Section 12 cost limit, while still obtaining as much usable data as possible.

Please could you provide any aggregated data that is already held or can be extracted without manual record by record review, even if incomplete. Specifically, I would be grateful for one or more of the following, in whatever combination is feasible within the limit:

- *An aggregated table of vehicle thefts by Make and Model only, without year of manufacture*
- *Aggregated vehicle theft totals by Make only*
- *Aggregated vehicle theft totals by Make and Model for a reduced time period, for example the most recent single calendar year available*
- *Any existing management reports, statistical summaries, or extracts relating to vehicle thefts that include vehicle make or model fields*

If necessary, I am also happy to formally reduce the time period to a single year, or to the most recent year for which such data can be supplied within the cost threshold.

Once again, to be clear, I am not requesting VRMs, VINs, personal data, or offence level records, and I am content for the data to be anonymised, incomplete, or caveated where appropriate.

Please let me know which of the above options would be most practical for GMP to supply within the statutory limits, and I will confirm accordingly.

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 in all of your requested points would involve a manual search of all Theft of Motor Vehicle crime records to establish if the make and model is recorded. The make and model of the stolen vehicle is not a searchable field on our crime recording system.

A search of our records shows that for 2024 alone there are 5,700 crime records that would have to be manually reviewed. At a very conservative estimate of 5 minutes to locate, retrieve and review each file it would take approximately 475 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