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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/016036/I

I write in connection with your request for information dated 18/12/2025, 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 recorded domestic burglary offences only (i.e. residential premises), please provide the following data for the period 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2024:

1. Total number of domestic burglaries

The total number of recorded domestic burglary offences for each calendar year (2023 and 2024), shown separately.

2. Items stolen

A list of the items or item categories recorded as stolen in domestic burglary offences during this period.

3. Frequency of theft

The number of times each item or item category was recorded as stolen, broken down by year (2023 and 2024) where available.

4. Location within the property (if available) If recorded, please indicate whether stolen items were taken from:

Inside the main dwelling

A garage

A shed or outbuilding

Other external storage areas

5. Data format

Please provide the information in a tabular format (such as Excel or CSV), with clear column headings, for example:

Year

Total number of domestic burglaries

Item or item category

Number of recorded thefts

Location within property (if available)

If item-level descriptions are not held centrally, please provide the highest level of categorisation available (for example: jewellery, bicycles, power tools, electronics).

If fulfilling the full request would exceed the cost limit, I would be grateful if you could provide:

The top 10 most frequently stolen items or categories for each year, and

The total number of domestic burglaries for each year, and advise how the request may be refined.

Please note that I am not requesting any personal data.

Thank you for your time and assistance.

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 questions 2 and 3 would involve a manual search of all residential burglary crimes to establish what the stolen items were, as this is not a searchable field on our crime recording system.

A search of our crime records shows that there are 21,869 crime reports 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 1,800 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