

Thursday, 16 July 2026
Our ref: 01/FOI/26/017222/H

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/017222/H

I write in connection with your request for information dated 11/07/2026, I note you seek access to the following information:

How many Motorcycles/Mopeds were reported stolen in the Borough of Stockport listed by individual wards and how many resulted in an individual being charged listed in individual wards with the Crime

In the period 10th July 2025 to 10th July 2026 inclusive

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 on "*Motorcycles/Mopeds were reported stolen*" and manual reviews on relevant records are required to obtain the requested information. There have been 5,733 theft or unauthorised taking of a motor vehicle offences that would need to be manually reviewed to determine whether the vehicle taken was a motor-bike/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.

Please see the below on how we record crimes:

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