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Our ref: 01/FOI/26/017010/X

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/017010/X

I write in connection with your request for information dated 05/06/2026, I note you seek access to the following information:

Catalytic Converter Thefts 2024-2025

Dear Greater Manchester Police

Please provide information on the total number of thefts of catalytic converters from motor vehicles recorded between 1st January 2024 (inclusive) and 31st December 2025 (inclusive) in your force area. Please also provide a breakdown of the number of catalytic converter thefts in each year during this time period.

Please also provide a breakdown of the number of thefts of catalytic converters from motor vehicles split by make and model of the vehicle within each year during this time period.

Please also provide a breakdown of the number of thefts of catalytic converters from motor vehicles split by the city/town they were stolen from within each year during this time 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 are 165k crimes recorded in this period under 'theft offences'. These would need to be manually reviewed to complete this request as there are no tools on the system to filter 'thefts of catalytic converters from motor vehicles' data promptly. 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.

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, we can provide statistics on Home Office offence code 45 'theft from a motor vehicle' if this would meet some of your criteria? Any further details within the offence code 45 would require manual reviews and they are large volume of cases under HO code 45 alone. 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.