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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/26/016670/X

I write in connection with your request for information dated 05/04/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Please provide me with the following information:

1. The number of your force's weapons (by type) and explosive munitions that were recorded as (a) lost and (b) stolen in 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025. Please break this data down by year. Please also break this data down by items which have and have not been retrieved, if possible.

2. How many computers, laptops, memory sticks were lost and stolen in 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025. Please only provide me with data for items that have not been retrieved to date. Please also break this data down by items which have and have not been retrieved, if possible.

Please note that such data has previously been released by the Ministry of Defence, and hence is not subject to any exemptions:

<https://www.thetimes.com/uk/defence/article/mobile-phones-disappear-ministry-of-defence-security-60fcwdb0t>

<https://www.libdems.org.uk/news/article/mod-have-lost-744-devices-and-a-ww1-machine-gun-since-2023>

<https://www.express.co.uk/news/uk/2025257/extraordinary-security-breach-ministry-defence>

CLARIFICATION

To clarify, I would like for the data to be broken down by items which have and have not been retrieved, if possible (hence, the latter of the two sentences). Please feel free to ignore the former.

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police (GMP) to locate the requested information. I can confirm the information requested is held by GMP.

Question 1

No information held. There is no record of any lost or stolen firearms/explosive munitions within the requested time period.

Question 2

Any devices that have been retrieved are no longer marked as stock so we cannot ascertain the number retrieved. The below figures are the number not retrieved.

Year	Laptops	USBs
2021	7	1
2022	49	2
2023	26	0
2024	90	4
2025	62	6
2026	24	2