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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/016841/Y

I write in connection with your request for information dated 06/05/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

- ***For the period 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025, please provide monthly aggregate data on police attendance, response and initial investigation decisions for the following offence/incident categories:***

- A. *Shoplifting***
- B. *Residential burglary / burglary dwelling***
- C. *Theft from the person***

- ***For each month and each offence/incident category, please provide the following fields where held:***

- 1. Number of reports recorded***
- 2. Number of reports where an officer or police staff member attended the scene***
- 3. Number of reports where no officer or police staff member attended the scene***
- 4. Median response time for attended reports, measured from initial report/incident creation to arrival at scene, if held***
- 5. Mean response time for attended reports, if held***
- 6. Number of reports assigned to each response grade or priority category used by the force***
- 7. Number of reports closed or finalised without officer attendance***
- 8. Number of reports screened out, filed, or closed with no further investigation at the initial assessment stage***
- 9. Number of reports allocated for further investigation***
- 10. Number of reports where CCTV, video, images or other digital evidence was recorded as available at the initial assessment stage, if held***
- 11. Number of reports where a suspect was named, identified or described as known at the initial assessment stage, if held***

- ***Please use the force's own recorded categories and terminology where they differ from the wording above.***
- ***Please do not provide personal data, addresses, case reference numbers, names of victims, suspects, witnesses, officers, staff members, dates of birth, phone numbers, or any case-level free-text notes.***
- ***If any part of this request would exceed the cost limit, please narrow the request in the following order:***
- ***Provide data for items 1–9 only, excluding evidence/suspect fields 2. Provide quarterly rather than monthly data 3. Provide force-wide totals only, without response-grade breakdowns***

Result of Searches

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

However, GMP does not hold all of the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format.

To respond in full to this request, questions 10 and 11 would require a substantial review manually to understand what data we hold that matches these questions. Our system does not have a searchable field to extract where the evidence is stored at the initial stage, and nor can we identify without a review if a suspect was named at the initial assessment stage. These would require a review of over 40,000 crimes and so we could not comply with this FOI in under 18hrs.

If one part of the request engages a Section 12 response, the whole request will engage a Section 12 response. The reason being is locating, retrieving and extracting any further information would only add to the already exceeded time obligations and so no other searches have been completed at this stage.

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 attempt to keep this within the fees limit, the information you are requesting will need revising with the removal of question 10 and 11. In addition, supplying additional information for us to understand if the remaining questions are to be treated as 2 separate requests but merged using Incident data for parts 8-9, and crime data for parts 1-7 as you appear to have referenced both options in your request. Or if you wish to use crime data for all. With any request that requires a manual review there is always a chance of a request being refused under S12 due to the enormity of work that is usually needed to provide the data, therefore 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.