Information Access Unit
Information Management and Data
Directorate

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/017857/K

I write in connection with your request for information dated 13/10/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I am writing to request the following information for each day from 1 October - 31 December in 2024 and 2025.

1. Theft from a Motor Vehicle: The number of recorded offences under Home Office Offence Classification 045 (Theft from a Motor Vehicle)

2. Vehicle Interference: The number of recorded offences under Home Office Classification 126 (Vehicle Interference)

Please give the two offence codes separately. Please supply data based on Date Recorded (or Date of Offence if easier for your system), and state which date type has been used, ensuring the same methodology is applied across both 2024 and 2025 periods.

Please limit counts to cars (including SUVs and estates) where your system allows. If cars cannot be separated from other vehicle types, please provide all vehicle types and state that this is the basis.

Location type: If it is possible within the cost limit, please also provide a breakdown of the offences in items 1 and 2 by recorded location type (for example: street, residential driveway, car park), using whatever location categories your system holds.

Section 12 Priority Clause: If complying with all of this would exceed the cost limit, please prioritise items 1 and 2 with a day by day view. If this would take too long or exceed the limit, please share total figures over each period for each item, and then prioritise location type. Please tell me which parts have been omitted and advise how I could narrow the request under your section 16 duty to provide advice and assistance.

Please provide the data in an Excel/CSV document format.

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 would involve a manual search of Theft of Motor Vehicle and Vehicle Interference crimes to see if the vehicle involved was a car or SUV. The type of vehicle is not a searchable field on our crime recording system.

A search of our crime records shows that there are 5,305 records 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 442 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. 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.

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. 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.