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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/017521/P

I write in connection with your request for information dated 25/08/2026, 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.

1. Stolen property from residential properties

Please provide information relating to property reported as Stolen or Stolen & Recovered from residential properties (private dwellings).

Please provide the following information separately for:

- *1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024*
- *1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025*
- *1 January 2026 to the date this request is processed*
- a. The number of items recorded as stolen or stolen and recovered.*
- b. The total recorded value of those items.*
- c. A monthly breakdown of the number of items recorded as stolen or stolen and recovered, where readily available.*
- d. A monthly breakdown of the total recorded value of the items recorded as stolen or stolen and recovered, where readily available.*

2. Optional additional information

If this information can be provided within the cost limits of the Act, please also provide details of the 10 highest-value items, where a value has been recorded, reported stolen from residential properties (private dwellings) between 1 January 2024 and the date this request is processed, including:

- a. The estimated value of the item.*
- b. A brief description of the item.*
- c. The year in which the theft was recorded.*

Format

I would appreciate it if the information could be provided in a digital format, preferably as a spreadsheet or CSV file.

If it is not possible to provide all of this information, please provide as much as is available within the cost limits of the Act. If you require any clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Please note that this request is separate from, and not affiliated with, any previous Freedom of Information requests you may have received on this topic, from me or otherwise.

I look forward to your response within the statutory timeframe of 20 working days.

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 all residential burglary crimes to establish what items were stolen.

A search of our crime records shows that there are approximately 25,000 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 2,083 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.