

Wednesday, 02 September
Our ref: 01/FOI/26/017524/S

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/017524/S

I write in connection with your request for information dated 25/08/2026, I note you seek access to the following information:

For each calendar year 2023, 2024, 2025 and 2026 to date, please provide the number of recorded robbery offences in which property recorded as stolen included a wristwatch/watch with a recorded value of:

- a) £5,000–£9,999
- b) £10,000–£24,999
- c) £25,000–£49,999
- d) £50,000 or more.

For each of the above years, please also provide the combined recorded value of the watches stolen in these robbery offences.

For the 10 most recent robbery offences during this period in which a watch valued at £50,000 or more was recorded as stolen, please provide, where recorded:

1. *The make and model of the watch.*
2. *The recorded value of the watch.*
3. *The colour of the watch.*

If any part of this request cannot be answered within the appropriate cost limit, please provide the remainder of the requested information that can be supplied within the cost limit.

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.

For GMP to be able to provide a response to this request it will require a substantial manual review of all the recorded robbery for the time periods requested. Our systems do not have a searchable field to be able to easily determine what items have been stolen/taken and so a review would be the only way to extract a wristwatch/watch information.

From initial searches carried out a total of 17k records would need to be manually reviewed. 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.

In this instance, Greater Manchester Police will be unable to provide advice for you to reduce the request in order for the force to keep this within the fees limit as there are no tools to extract the information without manual review. in accordance with Section 16(1), the duty to provide advice and assistance, of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.