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Our reference: FOI_25_0656

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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_25_0656

On 02/07/2025 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

We're looking to conduct FOI requests with Police Constabularies across the UK around van theft rates over the past 2 years, the average cost of the theft, most commonly stolen item categories and most commonly broken into van models. Can we please request information on, if available:

Total number of tool thefts stolen from vans recorded in the last two years in the area (broken down by year)

The average cost of the tool theft from vans over the past two years in the area (broken down by year)

The month when tool thefts peak for each year, based on the number of tool thefts from vans

I wanted to ask if you think the above data would be possible within the statutory timescale of 20 working days before we set the requests live?

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 s1, I can confirm that Gloucestershire Constabulary holds some relevant information.

Police Forces in the United Kingdom are routinely required to provide statistics to government bodies and the recording criteria is set nationally. However, the systems used for recording these figures are not generic, nor are the procedures used locally in capturing the data. It should be noted that for these reasons the figures given relate to information from the specific recording system of Gloucestershire Constabulary and should not be used for comparison purposes with any other response you receive.

Please note that our systems are designed to record information for policing purposes and the investigation of crime and not to extract statistical information. Accordingly whilst we endeavour to extract relevant data within the time limits of the Act, any data supplied is subject to these limitations.

A search of the Crime Recording System has been conducted to identify all substantiated crimes, recorded between 01/07/2023 and 30/06/2025, where the offence is Theft from a Motor Vehicle. A filter was then applied to identify those records where property is recorded as stolen. Of those results, a keyword search of the MOs was then conducted for the word "van".

This has returned a total of 5 records. Please note this is a total of records, not of the number of items recorded as stolen.

Month/Year	Total
Aug-23	1
Oct-23	1
Dec-23	2
Dec-24	1

The average value of the property items stolen is:

2023-24 – £665.75

2024-25 – £350.00

If you are not satisfied with this response or any actions taken in dealing with your request, you have the right to ask that we review your case under our internal procedure. Please note that a request for an internal review must be made within 20 working days of the response to your original request.

If you decide to request that such a review is undertaken and following this process you are still unsatisfied, you then have the right to direct your complaint to the Information Commissioner for consideration.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted via the following means:

Website - <https://ico.org.uk/>

Call their helpline - 0303 123 1113

Email - casework@ico.org.uk

Post –

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Yours sincerely,

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