

29th March 2021

Freedom of Information Request - Reference No: 20210475

REQUEST

Could you please provide me with information from 01/01/2020 - 31/12/20 on the following:

- 1. Vehicle theft numbers by manufacturer split by month**
- 2. Vehicle theft numbers by type of vehicle (i.e. car, van, motorcycle)**
- 3. Vehicle crimes by type of crime (i.e. vehicle theft, valuables stolen from vehicle, vandalism)**
- 4. Any outcome data that you have (i.e. prosecution, unable to identify suspect)**

RESPONSE

I approached our Crime Management Data Returns Administrator for assistance with your request. The Connect System is used to record complaints or allegations of those matters, which the Home Office specify should be recorded as 'crimes'.

All our systems are designed and used first and foremost for Policing Purposes and have limited search capability.

She provided me with the enclosed spreadsheet and the following explanation of her search criteria:

Please see the attached data and below explanation.

I have included a count of offences recorded under the Home Office Offence Group – Vehicle Offences and the Home Office Offence Class – Criminal Damage to a Motor Vehicle where the offence was recorded for CONNECT Crime between 01-Jan-2020 and 31-Dec-2020.

Of the offence counts, I have provided the offence outcomes.

I have also included a count of offences recorded under the Home Office Offence Group – Burglary where a Vehicle Role is either Stolen, Recovered or Found. This dataset is reliant of the Vehicle Role being recorded as stated.

Please note – I cannot provide details of the Vehicles Make, Model, Manufacturer etc. as these are not mandated reporting requirements, therefore not all offences will be recorded with this information.

In addition, there may be other offences where a Vehicle has been recorded as Stolen for example Robbery. Such circumstances are recorded in accordance with the following Home Office Counting Rules – The Principal Crime Rule however for the purpose of this request, I have only included the said offences as above.

Home Office Counting Rules – General Rules - The Principal Crime Rule (1 of 1) - IF THE SEQUENCE OF CRIMES IN AN INCIDENT, OR A COMPLEX CRIME, CONTAINS MORE THAN ONE TYPE OF CRIME, THEN COUNT THE MOST SERIOUS.