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17 December 2019

Our ref: CM/PA/003155/19
Your ref:

Dear Mr Briers

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

I write in response to the above referenced Freedom of Information request submitted on the 09/12/2019, Hampshire Constabulary has now considered this request, which has been repeated below and have responded accordingly.

Request	Response
I'm currently writing to my MP and would like the relevant figures relating to the subject matter. I would like to know how many motorcycles were stolen in Southampton for both 2018 and 2019(so far).	<p>Hampshire Constabulary does not hold this information in a retrievable format. The cost of determining if the information is held, locating and retrieving the information exceeds the 'appropriate level' as stated in the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004. It is estimated that it would cost more than £450 to comply with your request.</p> <p>Hampshire Constabulary does record data related to moped/motorcycle theft in a searchable format however this data is reliant on the officer correctly identifying the vehicle type. The way in which this data is stored means that motor scooter, motor tricycles, trail bikes, trial bikes and sidecars are also contained within the data. To provide</p>



you with data for motorcycles alone would require a manual review. With over 650 crimes to review in the time period specified this would exceed the cost limit.

You may wish to refine your request by narrowing down the search parameters – for example, choosing 5 randomly selected vehicle thefts per year specified thereby significantly reducing the number of records that would need to be manually searched to retrieve the information you are seeking.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, if one element of a request exceeds the statutory cost limit, the whole request may be refused on grounds of cost. As such, this letter acts as a Refusal Notice in respect of your whole request. This does not, however, preclude us from supplying some information that is relevant to your request as a gesture of assistance and with this in mind we have provided some information below.

Information Provided

Although excess cost removes the force's obligations under the Freedom of Information Act, I have supplied some information below, relative to your request. I trust this is helpful, but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fees regulations for the remainder of your request.

Please note that the data below includes thefts of the following vehicle types: Go-ped, moped, motor scooter, motor tricycle motorcycle, motorcycle trailer, off-road mototrcylce, other motorcycle, scooter combination, sidecar, trail bike, trials bike.

2018 – 381

2019 (to 30/11/19) – 298



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If, after lodging a complaint with Hampshire Constabulary, you are still unhappy with the outcome, you may make application to the Information Commissioner at the Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF, via telephone on 0303 123 1113 or 01625 545745 or at the website www.ico.org.uk

Yours sincerely

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