



WEST YORKSHIRE POLICE

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Dear R. Hunter,

Thank you for your request for information, received by West Yorkshire Police on 25/08/20.

You requested the following information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request data regarding the number of catalytic converters reported stolen within your jurisdiction.

- Can I please receive the total thefts for each individual time period of:

01/04/2017 - 31/03/2018

01/03/2018 - 31/03/2019

01/04/2019 - 31/03/2020

- Could this be a total count of recorded thefts within the boundaries of:

Your jurisdiction and if possible, Leeds, Bradford & Huddersfield

Please see the attached document.

West Yorkshire Police became aware of the rise in thefts during February and March 2020 we work in partnership with car manufacturers, raise awareness with scrap metal dealers, target known offenders and raise awareness in location hotspots where possible.

West Yorkshire Police are also taking part in the national week of action in relation to metal theft, commencing 12th October 2020.

COMPLAINT RIGHTS

If you are not satisfied with how this request has been handled or with the information provided, please read the advice notice attached to this letter. If you do wish to take up your right of complaint, please remember to quote the reference number above, in any future correspondence.

Yours sincerely,

Emily Dawson
Disclosure Officer.

COMPLAINT RIGHTS

1. Are you unhappy with how your request has been handled or you think the decision is incorrect?

You have the right to request that West Yorkshire Police review their decision. Prior to lodging a formal complaint, we encouraged that you discuss the decision with the case officer that has dealt with your request.

2. Ask to have the decision looked at again

The quickest and easiest way to have the decision looked at again, is to telephone the case officer that is nominated at the end of your decision letter. That person will be able to discuss the decision, explain any issues and assist with any problems.

3. Complaint

If you are dissatisfied with the handling procedures or the decision of West Yorkshire Police, made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding access to information, you can lodge a written complaint to have the decision internally reviewed.

A West Yorkshire Police internal review of your decision, will be carried out by a senior member of staff who is fully trained in interpreting Freedom of Information legislation. The review will be independent conducted, regardless to the original decision made.

Complaints will only be treated as valid, if they are received by West Yorkshire Police within a 60 day timeframe from the date of the decision letter. They must include the original FOI Reference Number and can only be submitted in writing, by using the following contact details:

foi@westyorkshire.pnn.police.uk

Or

West Yorkshire Police
FOI Internal Reviews
PO Box 9
Laburnum Road
Wakefield
WF1 3QP

In all possible circumstances, West Yorkshire Police will aim to complete and respond to your internal review within 20 working days. However this date may be extended in exceptional circumstances, by another 20 working days.

4. The Information Commissioner

If you are still dissatisfied with the internal review decision, made by West Yorkshire Police. You can then make an application to the Information Commissioner, for a decision on whether the request for information has been dealt with in accordance with the requirements of the Act.

For information on how to make application to the Information Commissioner please visit their website at www.ico.gov.uk

Alternatively, you can phone their helpline or write to them at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
FOI Help Line: 0303 1231113

Catalytic Converter theft, 01/04/2017 to 31/08/2020

Notes

Figures represent the number of crimes recorded during the period which:

- were not subsequently cancelled
- were classified as Theft from a vehicle
- either a catalytic converter property item was linked as stolen, or the crime notes state that a catalytic converter was stolen

One crime may involve multiple catalytic converters being stolen from multiple vehicles

These figures may be subject to further investigation, reclassification and cancelling and will therefore change over time

Crime classifications based on Home Office Counting Rules for Recorded Crime <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/counting-rules-for-recorded-crime>

Period	Force total	Bradford	Calderdale	Kirklees	Leeds	Wakefield
01/04/2017 - 31/03/2018	60	30	2	13	10	5
01/04/2018 - 31/03/2019	69	38	1	14	14	2
01/04/2019 - 31/03/2020	318	62	36	95	74	51
01/04/2020 - 31/08/2020	73	9	12	19	20	13

01/04/2020 - 31/08/2020 = For the 5 months to August inclusive