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**Our ref:** CM/PA/001215/19  
**Your ref:** \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Ms Sperling

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST**

I write in response to the above referenced Freedom of Information request submitted on 01 May 2019, Hampshire Constabulary has now considered this request, which has been repeated below and have responded accordingly.

<p>Please can you provide the number of reported thefts of motorcycles and scooters in the Hampshire police force area for the periods 1st January – 31st December 2017 and 1st January – 31st December 2018.</p>	<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 stores information relating to the theft of motorcycles under the occurrence category <i>theft of vehicle</i>. To determine whether the stolen vehicle was a motorcycle would require a manual review of every <i>theft of vehicle</i> occurrence. With approximately 1250 relevant occurrences in the first six months of 2017 alone, this would greatly exceed the cost limit.</p> <p>You may wish to refine your request by narrowing down the search parameters</p>
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	<p>– for example, choosing that we review 5 randomly selected <i>theft of vehicle</i> occurrences to see if any relate to your request thereby significantly reducing the number of records that would need to be manually searched to retrieve the information you are seeking.</p> <p>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.</p>
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**COMPLAINT RIGHTS**

If you are dissatisfied with the handling procedures or the decision made by Hampshire Constabulary, you can lodge a complaint with the force to have the decision reviewed within 2 months of the date of this response. Complaints should be made in writing to the Public Access office at the address at the top of this letter.

If, after lodging a complaint with Hampshire Constabulary, you are still unhappy with the outcome, you may make an 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](http://www.ico.org.uk)

Yours sincerely

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