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Your ref:

Dear Mr Hunter

Mr Russ Hunter

request-616934-

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

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

## Request Response The total count of mobile phones reported Hampshire Constabulary does not hold stolen How many of these phones reported this information in a retrievable format. stolen were manufactured by Apple How The cost of determining if the many of these phones reported stolen information is held, locating and retrieving the information exceeds the were manufactured by Samsung 'appropriate level' as stated in the Freedom of Information (Fees and I would like to specifically receive data regarding thefts that have taken place Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004. It within Southampton and Portsmouth City is estimated that it would cost more Boundaries separately. than £450 to comply with your request. Between each of these time periods: Hampshire Constabulary records crimes in accordance with the Home Office Counting Rules. There is no 01/04/2016 - 31/03/2017 crime classification for the theft of 01/04/2017 - 31/03/2018 01/04/2018 - 31/03/2019 specific items such as mobile phones. These offences would be recorded within theft and burglary crimes. For one year alone, over 25,000 crimes would have to be individually interrogated in order to establish if





mobile phones were recorded as being



stolen within the crime report. To manually review this number of crimes would clearly exceed the cost limit set by the FOI regulations.

You may wish to refine your request by narrowing down the search parameters – for example, allowing 10 theft offences selected at random to be reviewed over a shorter time period such as one month. Refining your request in this way would significantly reduce 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.

## **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 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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