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commissioner

Date: 23/05/2025

Dear FOI Applicant,

Thank you for your freedom of information request received in this office on **25 April** 2025 in which you asked:

'I ask to be provided the information in support of the figures cited below at:

<https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.westmidlands-pcc.gov.uk%2Fpcc-&data=05%7C02%7Calice.carroll%40westmidlands.police.uk%7C91b06943961f46913d3908dd83d0d8a0%7C2b0f1af29e024cfb982fc61fd716ee98%7C0%7C0%7C638811655181538015%7CUnknwn%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIiAiOiJXaW4zM3hRA0sG%2FBZVoqWqM1Fk0u0liX8%2Bjfro%3D&reserved=0...>

1. 2023 - 16,232 vehicle thefts
2. 2024 - reduced by more than 10%

'Operation Vantor, a dedicated initiative by West Midlands Police, first commenced in May 2024 to combat a spike in vehicle thefts across the West Midlands, with data showing a 35 per cent rise in cars* being stolen between 2021 (11,990) and 2023 (16,232).*

However, since Operation Vantor launched last year, car crime in the region has reduced by more than 10 per cent, highlighting the crucial and ongoing work that's being undertaken by dedicated officers.'

**it is unclear whether 'cars' have been identified, as opposed to, more generally, 'vehicles'*

In response to your request, I can confirm that the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) does not hold any further information, other than what has been included in the link that you provided to us. We do not think that there is any further relevant information to provide you with, related to the figures on the roll out of the bleed control kits. However, if anything else is required please let us know.

In order to be of some assistance, please see the following contact details should you wish to submit your request to West Midlands Police.

Freedom on Information Unit

West Midlands Police
PO Box Box 52, Lloyd House
Colmore Circus Queensway
Birmingham
B4 6NQ
E-mail: foi@westmidlands.police.uk

Freedom of Information Right of Appeal

Any person who has requested information from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) and is unhappy with the way their request for information has been handled can request a review of their case.

A request for review must be made in writing by letter or email. You should include the reference number of your request if you have it, and outline why you are requesting the review to:

Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner
Lloyd House
Birmingham
B4 6NQ

Telephone: 0121 626 6060
Email: wmpcc@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk

All requests for review will be recorded. Receipt of a request for internal review will be acknowledged and the appellant informed of an estimated date for determining the outcome. The OPCC will attempt to respond to internal reviews as soon as practicable and in any case within two months.

All investigations will be undertaken by someone not involved in the original response.

The result of any internal review will be communicated to the appellant outlining the decisions taken.

If you remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request or complaint, you have a right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at:

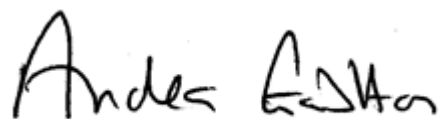
The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Telephone: 08456 30 60 60 or 01625 54 57 45
Website: www.ico.gov.uk

There is no charge for making a request for internal review or appeal to the Information Commissioner.

Yours sincerely,

Andrea Gabbitas

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andes Ashton". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'A'.

Head of Business Services