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Our Reference: 2020-00255
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Date: 23/09/2024

Dear FOI Applicant,

Thank you for your freedom of information request received in this office on **24 August** 2024 in which you asked:

'The information I am seeking, since 01/01/2019, is:

- 1. The vehicle theft statistics to the Commissioner by West Midlands Police and date of the figures*
- 2. The published car theft data every six months so motorists can make informed decisions about which vehicles to buy based on the likelihood of them being stolen and the date of publication*
- 3. The opposition from manufacturers, which appear to be BMW, Honda, Ford, Nissan, Audi and Jaguar Land Rover but will reasonably be those whose vehicles as most liable to theft i.e. the name of the manufacturers (commercial entities) will be identifiable, and no redaction of information should occur.*
- 4. Please also provide the analysis applied to represent proportional/statistical variations* and the data presented'*

In response to your request, I have split your queries into four points, and I can confirm the following:

1. I can confirm that the information provided to the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) by West Midlands Police (WMP) can be viewed in the reports submitted to the Strategic Policing and Crime Board (SPCB). This information is exempt by virtue 21 of the Freedom of Information Act as it is accessible to you by other means. All of the reports and meetings are available on our website - [SPCB Archive - West Midlands Police & Crime Commissioner \(westmidlands-pcc.gov.uk\)](https://www.westmidlands-pcc.gov.uk) For example, the most recent report was in March 2024 - [SPCB Archive - West Midlands Police & Crime Commissioner \(westmidlands-pcc.gov.uk\)](https://www.westmidlands-pcc.gov.uk)
2. The PCC does not publish car theft data every six months for drivers to make informed decisions about which vehicles to purchase. Therefore, the OPCC does not hold this information.
3. The OPCC does not hold this information
4. The OPCC does not hold this information

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,



Alethea Fuller
Deputy Chief Executive