

20th January 2021

Freedom of Information Request - Reference No: 20202733

REQUEST

Please can you complete my freedom-of-information request ideally by the end of February for a report to be published in March. Figures received after the deadline will be added into the report during the year.

1.a What were the total number of cat theft crimes reported in 2020?

1.b What was the outcome (charge/summons, community resolution, active investigation, evidential difficulties, no suspect identified) for each cat theft crime in 2020?

1.c Please list specific cat breed types with amounts (stolen in 2020) - or 'breed Unrecorded' or 'mixed breed'?

RESPONSE

I approached our Crime Management Data Returns Administrator for assistance with your request. The Connect System is used to record complaints or allegations of those matters, which the Home Office specify should be recorded as 'crimes'.

All our systems are designed and used first and foremost for Policing Purposes and have limited search capability.

He provided me with the enclosed spreadsheet and the following explanation of his search criteria:

*Please find attached data relating to **FOI LH 20202733**.*

Data is based on a count of crimes recorded on CONNECT with Property Status 'Stolen' or 'Stolen/Recovered' and Property Class 3 'Cat', where Incident Created Date is between '01-Jan-2020' and '31-Dec-2020'.

*Please note – Offences are recorded in accordance with the Home Office Counting Rules – General Rules - **The Principal Crime Rule (1 of 1)** - IF THE SEQUENCE OF CRIMES IN AN INCIDENT, OR A COMPLEX CRIME, CONTAINS MORE THAN ONE TYPE OF CRIME, THEN COUNT THE MOST SERIOUS*

Please note for Q1c, that Breed is not a mandatory requirement. To try and retrieve you some data I have manually reviewed each record and there are no breed details inputted on any of the records.