



HEDDLU
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NORTH WALES
POLICE

Response Date:17/01/2024

2024/048 - Supermarket Shoplifting Incidents

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

I am writing to request the following data (in Excel format) for the last five calendar years (2019-2023):

- The total number of items stolen from supermarkets in your jurisdiction, broken down by year, supermarket, and grocery type.**
- If possible, the most valuable shoplifted item (£) for each year between 2019 and 2023.**

Grocery types:

- Fruit & veg**
- Meat & fish**
- Dairy, eggs & chilled**
- Bakery**
- Frozen**
- Food cupboard**
- Drinks**
- Household cleaning**
- Beauty & cosmetics**
- Toiletries & health**
- Homeware & outdoor**
- Baby & toddler**
- Pets**
- Other**

Items that overlap categories (e.g. moisturiser could be classed as a cosmetic or a toiletry) can have more than one entry, one for each relevant category.

Offence Count	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
January	92	97	64	123	109
February	153	136	58	126	131
March	181	110	96	158	129
April	165	75	71	131	127
May	141	81	68	131	141
June	114	85	80	127	135
July	123	80	67	106	139
August	145	69	85	118	158
September	140	70	93	99	127
October	123	75	96	131	121
November	101	76	88	127	119
December	84	62	92	81	64

Total	1562	1016	958	1458	1500
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Offence Count with Stolen Property Recorded	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
January	0	0	1	2	0
February	1	3	1	0	0
March	0	0	3	0	0
April	2	0	0	0	0
June	0	0	1	0	0
August	0	2	1	0	0
September	1	0	0	0	0
October	0	1	0	1	2
November	0	3	1	0	0
Total	4	9	8	3	2

The above offences relate to those classified as Shoplifting, and where the MO Location Subtype = Supermarket.

Calendar Year	Gen Prop Type	Gen Prop Description	Gen Prop Value (Orig)	Gen Prop Value (Current)	Offence Count
2019	Household articles	FDS	13.99		1
2019	Household articles	FDS	17.1		1
2019	Household articles	FDS	100		1
2019	Household articles	Toys			1
2020	HET	INE			1
2020	Household articles	FDS	18		1
2020	Household articles	FDS	51		1
2020	Household articles	FDS	56		1
2020	Household articles	FDS			4
2020	OAC	CTO		40	1
2021	Household articles	APL			1
2021	Household articles	FDS	1.29		1
2021	Household articles	FDS	95		1
2021	Household articles	FDS			2
2021	OAC	CTO	20		1
2021	Other article	MGT	35		1
2021	Other article	MGT		11	1
2021	Other article	MGT			1
2022	Building materials	PDM			1
2022	Household	FDS	3.8		1

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2022	Household articles	FDS			1
2022	OAC	CTO		20.34	1
2022	OAC	CTO			1
2023	Household articles	FDS			2
				No. of Items Recorded	29

Our information is set up and searchable for our policing purposes. To obtain the information in the format you have requested regarding specific items stolen would involve manually reviewing each record on our force system. The cost of providing you with the information is above the amount to which we are legally required to respond i.e. the cost of retrieving the information exceeds the 'appropriate level' as stated in the Freedom of Information (FOI) Fees and Appropriate Limit regulations 2004.

Therefore, in accordance with the FOI Act 2000 the information you have requested is exempt under Section 12 (1), and this letter acts as a Refusal Notice under section 17 (5) of the legislation.

Although excess cost removed the forces obligations under the Freedom of Information Act, as a gesture of goodwill, I have supplied information, relative to your request (reocrded in the property tab fields) available before it was realised that the fees limit would be exceeded. I trust this is helpful, but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fees regulations for the remainder of your request.

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 16/01/2024