



**HEDDLU
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NORTH WALES
POLICE**

Response Date:06/08/2024

2024/715 - Art Theft

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

1. The count of Property Items that were Stolen or Stolen & Recovered in any offence notifiable to the Home Office, for each of the following three Property Types:

- a. HB - Ornaments/objects d'art**
- b. PF - Art/Draw Materials**
- c. HH -Paintings/drawing/tapestry/embroidered wallhangings etc**

Please provide this information for 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024 to date (end of June), broken down by year.

2. Details of the top 10 most expensive items stolen each year across these categories (ie to limit the time, 10 in total not 10 in each category), including:

- a. Estimated cost/value of the item**
- b. Brief description of the stolen item**

3. If available, any details where a ransom was paid by the owner for the recovery of the item.

Our information is set up and searchable for our policing purposes. North Wales Police do not have any specific property types for Art etc. Therefore, to obtain the information in the format you have requested would involve manually reviewing each 'theft' 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.

Consequently, 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.

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 31/07/2024