



Disclosure ref: 14

**Shoplifting prosecutions in Lancashire**

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request**

**Request**

I require the number of shoplifting prosecutions commenced in the magistrate's court under the Theft Act 1968 in Lancashire.

**Response**

In response to your request, please see the attached spread sheets and accompanying caveats. The first table displays the number of offences in which prosecution commenced at Magistrates' Court within the Lancashire area, under the Theft Act 1968 {1(1) and 7} – Shoplifting}. The second table displays the number of defendants prosecuted under the principle offence category, Theft and Handling heard at Blackburn Magistrates' Court and provides data in relation to the age, ethnicity and gender of the defendant.

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