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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: GSA 3185/23

I write in connection with your request for information dated 23/06/2023, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

- 1. Please could you tell me how many reports for HO code 008/21 - Owner or person in charge allowing a dog to be dangerously out of control in any place in England and Wales (whether in a public place or not) injuring any person or assistance dog - you have received in the Wigan division for each calendar year for 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 so far?***
- 2. How many dogs were seized under Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 in the Wigan division for each of those calendar years?***
- 3. How many of those dogs were destroyed?***
- 4. How many people were charged as a result of these incidents each year?***

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police (GMP) to locate the requested information and I can confirm the information requested is held by GMP.

Caveats:

In July 2019, GMP implemented one of the largest IT infrastructure changes in UK policing. The systems are in continual development and the data provided for this request is what the systems currently hold.

Crime data

This data contains crimes recorded under the below Home Office code in Wigan with a created date between 1st January 2019 and 23rd June 2023, excluding cancelled crimes. Further information about cancelled crimes can be obtained from the Home Office Counting Rules.

008/21 Owner or person in charge allowing a dog to be dangerously out of control in any place in England and Wales (whether in a public place or not) injuring any person or assistance dog

Suspect data

This data contains suspects attached to crimes in the crime data with an outcome of Charge or Charged Alternative Offence. There may be more than one suspect attached to a crime. Suspects may be attached to more than one crime during this time period, which means that the data cannot be used to identify the number of unique suspects.

Q1.

Year	Number of <u>crimes</u>
2019	104
2020	113
2021	127
2022	169
2023 (to 23rd June)	97

Q2 & Q3 combined.

Year	Number of dogs seized	Number of dogs destroyed
2019	4	4
2020	7	4
2021	5	1
2022	13	7
2023 (Up to 27/06/23)	6	2

Q4.

Year	Number of <u>suspects</u> charged
2019	0
2020	4
2021	7
2022	1
2023 (to 23rd June)	0