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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/23/011336/D

I write in connection with your request for information dated 19/09/2023, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

- 1. Please could you provide me with the number of reports of dog attacks (i.e. owner or person in charge allowing dog to be dangerously out of control within your County (whether or not in a public place) injuring any person or assistance dog).***
- 2. Please can you provide the number of reported incidents FROM January 2010 to present date.***
- 3. Can you confirm the number deaths related to dog attacks.***
- 3. Please can you provide a breakdown of the figure for each time period by recorded outcomes (e.g. number of Charge/Summons, Community Resolution etc).***
- 4. can you positively confirm the breed of dogs involved in dog attacks; 5. can you positively confirm the breed of dogs involved in dog attacks that lead to a persons death.***
- 6. Can you confirm who assessed these dogs were XL Bullies and what criteria they used to do so.***

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.

However, GMP does not hold the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format.

To be able to provide a response to question 4, would require a manual review of all records found to ascertain what the breed of dogs are that were involved in the attacks. Initial searches found over 10,000 records, and as we do not hold dog breeds in a standard format it is anticipated that it will exceed the 18hrs timeframe to provide you with this information.

Therefore, as per section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, 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

locating and retrieving the information exceeds the 'appropriate level' as stated in the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, this letter acts as a Refusal Notice.

GMP is obligated, pursuant to section 16(1) of the Act to provide you with advice and assistance on refining your request to bring compliance within the fees limit. In order for the force to keep this within the fees limit, the information that you are requesting will need the removal of Q4, and then we should be able to provide a response to the remainder of this request. The resulting response cannot be guaranteed at this point as it will be dependent upon the number of records that fall within the scope of any new request, as they would still have to be manually assessed.

Should you wish to refine and resubmit your request in line with the advice above please respond to freedomofinformation@gmp.police.uk.