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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/23/011340/Z

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

Please provide figures under the Freedom of Information Act for each year from 2018 to the most recent complete month of 2023.

- 1) The number of times the offence of an 'out of control dog causing injury' (008/21) has been recorded.***
- 2) Please provide the data from Q1 split by victim demographics, including, but not limited to:***
 - a) Age***
 - b) Gender***
 - c) Ethnicity***
 - d) Relationship between victim and suspect***
- 3) The data from Q1 split by outcome***
- 4) If available, please also provide the data from Q1 split by dog breed.***

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.

In order to provide you with the information for Q2d and Q4, we would need to complete a thorough manual review of all the records found to determine the breed of the dogs, and relationship status as requested. With over 5000 records found it is anticipated that it will take over 18hrs to provide this part of the request.

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 require the removal of questions 2d and 4 and then the remainder of the request may be able to be provided. However, 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.

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