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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/23/011189/K

I write in connection with your request for information dated 13/08/2023, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

- 1) The number of dangerous dogs out of control seized under S3 of the Dangerous Dogs Act by the force, by year, since 2018***
- 2) The number of dangerous dogs out of control seized under S3 of the Dangerous Dogs Act by the force, by year, since 2018, classified by breed where available.***

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 some of the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format. To be able to provide a response on Q2, would involve a manual search to determine the breed of the seized dog. A manual search would involve different systems to do this and as such this would take in excess of 18hrs to retrieve this data.

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 within the fees limit, the information you are requesting will need to be revised. If you removed Q2 in its entirety, we should then be able to provide the data for Q1. 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.