

Date: 11th December 2024
Our ref: FOI/24/013783/Z

I write in connection with your request for information dated 09/12/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act I would like to request the following information:

How many attacks on humans by XL bully-type dogs have been recorded by your police force in 2023 and so far in 2024. How many of these were fatal?

How many attacks on humans by other banned dog types have been recorded by your police force in 2023 and so far in 2024? How many of these were fatal?

How many attacks on humans by non-banned dog types have been recorded by your police force in 2023 and so far in 2024? How many of these were fatal?

How many people have been charged with offences related to XL bullies, such as owning, selling, breeding or other offences since the ban came into force on Feb 1st 2024?

By banned types I refer to these: <https://www.gov.uk/control-dog-public/banned-dogs>

Please contact me if you need me to clarify my request on [REDACTED]

Result of Searches

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

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

To provide a response to this request we would need to conduct a manual review of all crimes returned under '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' to determine the breed of dog and then if it was an 'attack on a human'. An initial search of GMPs records has returned over 2.8K crimes recorded under HO code 008/21 in 2023 and 2024. As such, it is anticipated it would take in excess of 18 hours to provide the requested 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 to be reduced to a much shorter time period, however it is likely to still exceed the cost limit. 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