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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/011899/C

I write in connection with your request for information dated 05/01/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act, please provide the number of 'out of control dog causing injury' (008/21) offences recorded for each year from 2018 till 2023. If you do not have data for all of 2023, please provide it up until the most recent date available and specify that date.

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.

- This data contains crimes recorded under the below Home Office codes with a created date between 1st January 2018 and 31st December 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
- Management of Police Information regulations state that non-essential records should be removed from police systems six financial years after the year in which they were originally created. This means that data that is more than six financial years old may be incomplete and should not be compared to more recent data.

Year	Crime Count
2018	893
2019	837
2020	818
2021	922
2022	1259
2023	1540

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