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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/012736/O

I write in connection with your request for information dated 04/06/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I email you this evening to make a freedom of information request. This request specifically asks for information of all XL bully attacks in the UK where either a human or animal has been injured or killed since 1/2/24. I also request, under the freedom of information act, figures for reports of said dogs and the data on what, if any, action was taken on these reports. My request, under the freedom of information act, will also cover the details for the lead times for requests for exemption information from DEFRA to confirm if these dogs hold exemption. To confirm by the statement these dogs I mean those typed and identified as XL bullies.

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.

GMP publish the statistics for the offence of 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" on our website.

To provide the further data requested would involve a manual search of all such crime reports to establish the details.

The information available through the above link shows that between January and March 2024 there have been 1770 such crimes recorded. At a very conservative estimate of 5 minutes to locate, retrieve and review each file it would take approximately 30 hours to ascertain the data required, and that would not include crimes recorded after March.

Therefore, to comply with the whole of your request the process would take over 18 hours' work which exceeds the appropriate limit of £450.00, the amount to which we are legally required to respond.

As per section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the cost of providing you with the information is therefore 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. For the force to keep this within the fees limit, the information that you are requesting will need to be reduced to a greatly reduced time period. 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