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Date: 09/05/2024
Our ref: 01/FOI/24/012599/X

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/012599/X

I write in connection with your request for information dated 08/05/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Please disclose every recorded incident involving 'seagulls' or 'seagull' since January 1 2021.

For each log, please disclose:

- 1. The full incident log, as recorded by the force. Please redact any section of the log which could prohibit disclosure.***
- 2. The location in which the incident was recorded***
- 3. The date of the incident***

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.

The date of the incidents has been replaced with the year as by providing all this information split by the individual date of each incident as you have requested would significantly increase the likelihood of identifying the individual(s) concerned, and as such the exemption under S40(2) – Personal Information, would be engaged and result in information being refused. By changing it this way means the data can be provided in its entirety.

Please see the redacted response below.

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 incidents with a created on date between 01/01/2021 and 09/05/2024, where the title or details contains 'seagull' or 'seagulls', excluding incidents with a closing code of L10 Duplicate, L19 Error or L22 Test or training. Please note:

- The keyword methodology does not account for spelling errors.
- The appearance of the keywords in the text fields does not necessarily mean that records are relevant to this request.
- All redactions are shown with XXX.

Year	District	Incident Mo
2021	Bolton	INFT STATES THAT XXX HEARD XXX GUNSHOTS AND HAS SEEN A SEAGULL FALL FROM THE SKY XXX
2021	CoM North	we have found a dead animal XXX found an seagull or an owl
2022	CoM Central	SOUDEED LIKE XXX AS SEAGULLS COULD BE HEARD.
2023	Bolton	Inf works for XXX, deter seagulls from the area.
2023	Rochdale	the person tries to get the attention of a seagull, once the seagull approaches, XXX
2023	Trafford	XXX has come across a seagull which has had one of it's wings ripped off
2023	Tameside	XXX
2023	CoM North	They say they have a first-quality seagull.
2023	Bolton	XXX HAS SAID XXX THE SEAGULL XXX
2023	CoM North	"XXX came on the line saying there was a seagull outside XXX
2023	Bolton	INF STATES XXX TO SCARE AWAY SEAGULLS
2024	CoM North	"inf reporting that there is an injured seagull XXX
2024	Bolton	inf works for XXX, deter seagulls from the area.
2024	CoM South	XXX A SEAGULL HAS GOT CAUGHT ON THE LINE XXX