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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/013398/U

I write in connection with your request for information dated 05/10/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act, for the offence 'out of control dog causing injury' (008/21), how many times was a suspect identified for this offence more than once, for each year from 2018 – 2023?

If you do not have data for all of 2023, please provide it up until the most recent data available and specify that date.

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.

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 Home Office 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" 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.

We have counted the number of suspects attached to more than 1 of these crimes in each year.

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.

Suspects have been included even if no action has been taken against them e.g. eliminated, insufficient evidence, wanted.

Year	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Number of Repeat Suspects	22	20	22	28	46	63