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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/013516/I

I write in connection with your request for information dated 22/10/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Please can you assist with the following.

To make this query less onerous on police time please, I am only requesting data from 1 August 2023 until receipt date of FOI request.

1, Currently how many recognised wildlife trained full time Police officers do you have in your force? Date of FOI request receipt.

2, How many of these officers have undertaken College of Policing recognised training? Date of FOI request receipt.

3, Who was the service provider.

4, How many of these officers are full time Wildlife crime officers. Date of FOI request receipt.

5, How many wildlife incidents that have been reported to your force would fit the recording status below if they had notifiable status under Home Office counting rules?

Section 1 of the Protection of Badgers Act 1992 Section 2 of the Protection of Badgers Act 1992 Section 3 of the Protection of Badgers Act 1992 Section 1 of Wild Mammals Protection Act 1996 Section 1 of Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 Section 5 of Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 Section 9 of Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 Section 11 of Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 Section 30 of Game Act 1831 Section 5 of the Hunting Act 2004 Section 4 of Animal Welfare Act 2006 Section 8 of Animal Welfare Act 2006 Schedule 1 of Theft Act 1968 Section 27a of Salmon & Freshwater Fisheries Act 1975 Section 1 of Deer Act 1991 Section 2 of Deer Act 1991 Section 3 of Deer Act 1991 Section 1 of the Hunting Act 2004 Section 1 of the Night Poaching Act 1828 Section 18 of Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 Section 9(4A) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 Section 14 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 Section 28P of the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 Regulation 43 Conservation of Habitats and Species Regs 2017 Regulation 54 Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017

6, How many wildlife incidents below have been recorded as below?

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7, How many wildlife incident/crime reports have your force received that have been recorded as “generic/other” (Not to include Livestock Attacks) 8, How many Livestock Attacks has your force received in the time range.

9, How many of these “generic/other” wildlife incident/crime incidents have resulted in No Further Action by police.

10, How many of these “generic/other” wildlife incident/crime incidents have resulted in a Local resolution.

11, How many of these “generic/other” wildlife incident/crime incidents have resulted in a Conditional Caution.

12. How many of these “generic/other” wildlife incident/crime incidents have resulted in a charge.

Clarification

- **For 5 and 6 I wish to know how many reports of wildlife crime have been received by GMP that may have been recorded as offences as per Q5.**
- **Ideally, I would just like to know how many reports of wildlife crime versus the amount that have been recorded as notifiable.**
- **For 9-12 I would like to know how many wildlife crimes GMP have received and the outcomes for those.**

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.

Questions 1-4.

- No information held.

Question 5-12.

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 with a created date between 01/08/2023 and 22/10/2024, where the HO classification is either 96 ‘wildlife crime’ or the HO offence is one of the following, excluding cancelled crimes. Further information about cancelled crimes can be obtained from the Home Office Counting Rules:

- 097/01 'Causing, permitting or failing to prevent unnecessary suffering of a protected animal'
- 097/05 'Offences relating to animal fights'
- 098/91 'Contravening the law relating to the regulation and control of fishing for salmon, trout, freshwater fish and eels, the protection and conservation of fisheries for such fish, the times of fishing for the selling of such fish under Sec 27 (instrument other than rod and line) and Secs 4 and 5'
- 098/95 'Fish or take fish by other than licensable means in circumstances where fishing or taking fish may or may not be authorised, or possess an unlicensed instrument with intent to fish or take fish without a Sec 27A authority'
- 099/48 'Carrying out, or causing to permit to be carried out, any operation likely to damage part of an area of special scientific interest subject to notification by the Nature Conservancy Council'
- A crime outcome of 'Missing Value' means that the investigation is ongoing and an outcome has not yet been applied.

HO Outcome Description	Number of Crimes
Caution - Adults	4
Charged/Summoned	18
Charged/Summoned Alternative Offence	1
Community Resolution	1
Diversionary, Educational, Intervention complete. Further action not in public interest.	0
Evidential Difficulties Victim Based – Named suspect not identified: The crime is confirmed but the victim either declines/ or is unable to support further police investigation to identify the offender.	2
Formal action against the offender is not in the public interest (Police)	1
Investigation Complete: No suspect identified. Crime investigated as far as reasonably possible – Case closed pending further investigative opportunities becoming available	15
Missing Value	22
Named Suspect identified: evidential difficulties prevent further action; victim does not support (or has withdrawn support from) police action.	5
Named Suspect identified: victim supports police action but evidential difficulties prevent further action.	70
Named Suspect Identified; Prosecution not in the public interest	4