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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/014820/Q

I write in connection with your request for information dated 22/05/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

- 1. If you can provide them, I would like to know the number for how many offence code 8/21 Owner or person in charge allowing dog to be dangerously out of control in any place in England or Wales ,whether or not a public place, injuring any person or assistance dog, you have had in 2023, 2024 and how every many months of 2025 data you have, by month would be great if you have it. In your police force*
- 2. It's my understanding there is no way of readily identifying breed of the dog from the crime recording system. In order to determine whether an attack took place and whether the breed of dog is mentioned, it would be necessary to examine each and every 008/21 investigation on an individual basis, including any associated documents. If this is the case- would I be able to have any information from just the month of February 2024- with the breeds of dogs in these cases? In your police force*
- 3. How many section 1 dogs under the dangerous dogs act/ banned breeds have been seized since December 31st 2024 monthly or a total to May 2025 in your police force*
- 4. The number of dogs seized under section one of the dangerous dogs act that have been destroyed between the 31st December 2023 monthly or total to May 2025 in your police force*

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police to locate information relevant to your request. I can confirm that the information you have

requested is held by Greater Manchester Police. However, I am not obliged to supply all the information you have requested as exemptions apply.

When refusing to provide such information because an exemption applies, Section 17(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires GMP, to provide you - the applicant - with a notice which: (a) states that fact, (b) specifies the exemption in question and (c) states (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies.

The requested information is exempt under **Section 21 – Information accessible to applicant by other means** and **Section 22(1)(a) – Information Intended for Future Publication**. GMP publish the number of crimes recorded under Home Office code 8/21 on our website. [The information up to December 2024 can be found here.](#)

Information for 2025 will be published on the afore mentioned website in due course. Consequently, this information is exempt under Section 22(1)(a). As Section 22(1)(a) is a qualified exemption a public interest test needs to be applied.

Factors Favouring Disclosure

Disclosure of the requested information at the present time would allow the public to have access to the information immediately, would enhance public knowledge of the subject and would promote the accountability and aid transparency of GMP.

Factors Favouring Non-Disclosure

Reviewing and formatting the data at the present time, in response to a Freedom of Information request, would be a duplication of work and would involve a disproportionate use of GMP resources and would not be an economical use of public funds. Additionally, should the data from the upcoming report be released prematurely, there is the possibility that it may contain inaccuracies if it has not been subject to full scrutiny procedures.

Balancing Test

When balancing the Public Interest Test, we must consider whether the Public Interest is best served by the release of the information into the public domain immediately or by the withholding of the information. Arguments need to be weighed against each other. The most persuasive reason for disclosure is the facilitation of transparency of GMP, which needs to be weighed against the strongest negative reason, which, in this case, is the disproportionate use of GMP resources and an uneconomical use of public funds. Therefore, the stance at this time is that the requested data is exempt from disclosure in response to a Freedom of Information request due to its future official publication by GMP.

In accordance with the S17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, this letter acts as a Refusal Notice.

The remainder of your request is not exempt and is answered below.

1. Exempt under S21 and S22, see above.

2.

Breed	Number
Border Collie	2
Border Terrier	1
Boxer/Husky Cross	1
British Bulldog	1
Bulldog	3
Cane Corso	1
Chow Chow	1
Cocker spaniel	1
Collie	1
Dachshund	1
Doberman	1
English Bulldog	1
French Bulldog	4
German Shepherd	5
Husky	1
Japanese Akita	1
Labrador	4
Pitbull	2
Pitbull/Staffordshire Bull Terrier Cross	1
Pocket Bulldog	1
Rottweiler	1
Staffordshire Bull Terrier	8
Terrier	1
Unknown	43
Victorian Bulldog	1
Weimaraner	1
XL Bully	15

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