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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/014606/M

I write in connection with your request for information dated 15/04/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act, please can you provide the following:

1. *The number of offences of out-of-control dogs causing injury to a person in the last three years (Between April 6th and April 5th 2022/23, 2023/24 and 2024/25). Broken down by year, number of offences, breed of dog, severity of injury and police outcome.*
2. *The number of dogs seized in the last three years - Broken down by year, by breed and by reason for seizure.*
 - a. *The number of dogs destroyed in the last three years - broken down by year, by breed and reason for destruction.*

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.

However, GMP does not hold the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format. To provide the data requested in question 1 relating to the breed of dog and the severity of the injury caused would involve a manual search of all crime records for "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"

As can be seen from our [published information of this matter](#), there were 4,205 such crimes recoded between April 2022 and December 2024. At a very conservative estimate of 5 minutes to locate, retrieve and review each file it would take approximately 350 hours to ascertain the data required, and that would not include the crimes recorded in 2025.

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. In order 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