

Date: 20/05/2025
Our ref: 01/FOI/25/014793/E

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/014793/E

I write in connection with your request for information dated 20/05/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information.

- The number of reported incidents relating to dogs being left in a hot vehicle AND/OR The number of animal cruelty incidents relating to dogs being left in a hot vehicle***
- Any supplemental data the force has with regards to numbers of incidents of dogs left in hot vehicles in your jurisdiction.***

The data should cover the years 2014-2025 broken down by month. Within this please include geographic information as well as the type of vehicle.

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.

However, GMP does not hold the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format.

There are no specific incident closing or opening codes relating to leaving dogs in hot cars, therefore, to provide any response to this request would require an extremely substantial manual review to be carried out. This would consist of reviewing all incidents within this time frame which would be in the millions to trawl through. Under the circumstances I am absolutely confident that to locate, retrieve and extract the information you seek would by far exceed the time obligations upon this authority to comply, and in doing so would exceed the fees limits.

Therefore, as per **Section 12(1)** of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the cost of providing you with the information is 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 attempt to keep this within the fees limit, the information you are requesting will need revising to include a specific HO Code you wish for GMP to use in any further requests.

With any request that requires a manual review there is always a chance of a request being refused under S12 due to the enormity of work that is usually needed to provide the data, therefore 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