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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/25/015808/Y

I write in connection with your request for information dated 07/11/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I submit this request for specific information regarding complaints about the deployment of police dogs in the Greater Manchester Police area of responsibility, during the 2024/25 financial year. This information is sought under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA 2000). We are requesting the following data:

- 1. Copies of (up to) 10 written complaints filed to your police force in relation to instances where a person was bitten by one of your force's police dogs.***
- 2. Please provide a copy of the report(s) written by the police dog handler - in which they document the decisions and rationale for how they deployed and handled their dog - after each of the incidents which sparked the complaints disclosed in response to question 1. I understand these reports are usually known as police dog deployment reports, but if another type of document was used to record these details (such as an email) please provide this.***
- 3. For each complaint disclosed in response to Q1, please specify if the complaint has been referred to the (IOPC) Independent Office for Police Conduct.***
- 4. For each complaint disclosed in response to Q1, please specify the name of the police dog(s) which bit or allegedly bit an individual.***
- 5. Please specify the outcome of each complaint disclosed in response to Q1.***

I understand that you may need to redact the documents I've requested for personal information, but please note the time taken for redactions does not normally count towards the time limit. On this basis, and of a request limited to "up to" 10 written complaints, I am confident the questions above should not violate the cost restrictions set out in s.12 FOIA 2000 and the s.3 of the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004.

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police (GMP) to locate the requested information. I can confirm the information requested is not held by GMP.

GMP have conducted a keyword search on complaints. This search returned no public complaints in relation to police dog bites for the time period provided.