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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/26/016508/O

I write in connection with your request for information dated 05/03/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

For each of the last eight calendar years (2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025) could you please provide the number of out-of-control dog attacks causing injury offences recorded.

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 held by GMP.

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 January 2018' and '31 December 2025' under Home Office offence 008/21 'owner or person in charge allowing dog to be dangerously out of control in any place in England and Wales (whether or not in a public place) injuring any person or assistance dog', excluding cancelled crimes and crimes classified as fraud. Further information about cancelled crimes can be obtained from the Home Office Counting Rules. Details regarding fraud crime can be obtained by contacting the NFIB.
- Management of Police Information regulations state that non-essential records should be removed from police systems six financial years after the year in which they were originally created. This means that data that is more than six financial years old may be incomplete and should not be compared to more recent data.

Year	Total
2018	2
2019	416
2020	818
2021	922
2022	1,259
2023	1,533
2024	1,620
2025	1,678