**Date:** 04/02/2026
**Our ref:** 01/FOI/26/016293/S

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/016293/S**

I write in connection with your request for information dated 02/02/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

***Revised From 01/FOI/26/016158/M****

***1. Dogs seized by police***

***For the avoidance of doubt, please exclude stray dogs handled on behalf of local authorities. Please include only dogs seized by the police in connection with criminal investigations, public-safety incidents, or powers under the Dangerous Dogs Act.***

***1a. The number of dogs seized by the force.***
***1b. If recorded in an extractable format, the number of dogs seized, broken down by the reason for seizure (e.g., Dangerous Dogs Act, owner arrested, welfare grounds, other policing powers).***
***If this is not recorded in a structured form, please instead state so".***

***2a. The total annual expenditure by the force on kennelling dogs seized by police (as defined above) for each year.***

**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.

**Question 1.**
- 2019 – 78 dogs.
- 2020 – 63 dogs.
- 2021 – 48 dogs.
- 2022 – 199 dogs.

- 2023 – 325 dogs.
- 2024 – 373 dogs.
- 2025 – 965 dogs.

Please note - Some of the above figures are also from dogs seized for other matters like section 1 DDA 1991, Animal Welfare Act 2006 offences, assaults and breaches of orders.

**Question 1b.**
Data not held in an extractable manner and would require a manual review. As outlined in the previous FOI **01/FOI/26/016158/M.** Refusal of this full request would apply under S12. However, due to how you have worded this question I have provided the remaining data with the refusal applied.

**Question 2.**
Please note - The expenditure includes kennelling, veterinary fees, and transport costs, and covers financial years up to and including 2024/25.

| Years | Costs |
|---|---|
| **2018/19** | £87,610.65 |
| **2019/20** | £155,177.24 |
| **2020/21** | £119,875.64 |
| **2021/22** | £178,961.92 |
| **2022/23** | £582,617.48 |
| **2023/24** | £799,781.38 |
| **2024/25** | £1,315,796.71 |