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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/016368/U

I write in connection with your request for information dated 11/02/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Please find below my FOI request and attached an example from one of your colleagues in another force of the information I require and how to collate it.

***For 2024 and 2025, please provide the following information for the offence codes listed below
For each offence I would like the:***

- 1. Month / Year***
- 2. Animal involved***
- 3. summary of the MO test (redacted)***
- 4. location GMP District***
- 5. Offence Outcome***

121/13 - Hunting a wild mammal with dogs

121/13 - Knowingly permit dog to be used for hunting a wild mammal

121/14 - Knowingly permit land to be entered / used for hunting a wild mammal with dogs

121/20 - Control / handle dog in the course of / for the purposes of a hare coursing event

097/04 - Administer a poisonous / injurious drug / substance to a protected animal

108/32 - Administer a poisonous / injurious drug / substance to a protected animal - Animal Welfare Act 2006

108/29 - Aid and abet the causing of unnecessary suffering to a protected animal

122/07 - Allow animal to stray on a highway

108/36 - Breach a disqualification imposed after conviction - Animal Welfare Act 2006

099/99 - Bring animals / animal products / genetic material in breach of declaration to suspend / impose conditions on import

097/02 - Cause the carrying out of a prohibited procedure on a protected animal

097/01 - Cause unnecessary suffering to a protected animal

108/29 - Cause unnecessary suffering to a protected animal - Animal Welfare Act 2006

108/24 - Cause use of weapon to kill / take schedule 6 wild animal

197/01 - Damage / destroy a breeding site / resting place of a wild animal of a European protected species
108/23 - Damage / destroy schedule 5 wild animal shelter
119/01 - Daytime trespass in pursuit of game - poaching
197/01 - Disturb a wild animal of a European protected species
108/23 - Disturb sheltering schedule 5 wild animal
108/34 - Duty of person responsible for animal to ensure welfare - Animal Welfare Act 2006
108/24 - Fail to inspect snare for wild animal every day
108/23 - Intentionally / recklessly disturb schedule 5 wild animal - dolphin / whale / shark
108/23 - Kill a schedule 5 wild animal
108/23 - Obstruct access to schedule 5 wild animal shelter
195/99 - Produce / exhibit / supply a film involving the infliction of pain / terror / goading of an animal
098/98 - Release an invasive alien species of animal into the wild / allow to escape
097/04 - Responsible for a protected animal permit / cause another to administer a poison
097/01 - Responsible person fail to prevent the causing of unnecessary suffering to an animal
108/29 - Responsible person fail to prevent the causing of unnecessary suffering to an animal - Animal Welfare Act 2006
108/24 - Use snare / weapon to kill / take wild animal

If redacting the MO Text would exceed the appropriate limit under Section 12 then please remove c)

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.

GMP would be required to complete a manual review of almost 300 results that have been located using the offence codes provided above. This review would be needed to extract the "animal involved" with each case as this information is not stored in a location that can be easily provided. This would take approximately 25hrs to complete for this section alone.

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 with the removal of part 2 of this request as outlined above and part 3, as to provide redactions on the number of records located may invoke a refusal under Section 14(1) of FOIA. However, 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.

Although excess costs remove GMP's obligations under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, as a gesture of goodwill I have supplied some information relative to your request that was retrieved before it was realised that the fees limit would be exceed (see below information). I hope that this is of use to

you, but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fee's regulations for the remainder of your request

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 01/01/2024 and 31/12/2025 where the offences have the HO 5-digit code '121/13', '121/13', '121/14', '121/20', '097/04', '108/32', '108/29', '122/07', '108/36', '099/99', '097/02', '097/01', '108/29', '108/24', '197/01', '108/23', '119/01', '197/01', '108/23', '108/34', '108/24', '108/23', '108/23', '108/23', '195/99', '098/98', '097/04', '097/01', '108/29', '108/24', excluding cancelled crimes and crimes classified as non-counting 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.

A crime outcome of 'Missing Value' means that the investigation is ongoing, and an outcome has not yet been applied.

A total of 298 cases has been located and broken down below.

HO Code	Total
097/01	269
099/99	25
097/04	4

District	Total
CoM North	34
CoM Central	25
Bury	22
Oldham	27
CoM South	29
Salford	33
Tameside	24
Manchester Airport	2
Stockport	13
Bolton	28
Wigan	34
Trafford	8
Rochdale	19

Month/Year	2024	2025
Jan	11	12
Feb	15	8
March	11	19
April	15	9
May	13	17
June	7	13
July	10	20

Aug	9	21
Sept	15	9
Oct	13	14
Nov	11	9
Dec	6	11

Outcome	Total
Named Suspect identified: victim supports police action but evidential difficulties prevent further action.	148
Investigation Complete: No suspect identified. Crime investigated as far as reasonably possible –Case closed pending further investigative opportunities becoming available	44
Charged/Summoned	42
Named Suspect identified: evidential difficulties prevent further action; victim does not support (or has withdrawn support from) police action.	6
Named Suspect Identified; Prosecution not in the public interest	6
Missing Value	25
Caution - Adults	9

Prosecution time limit expired: Suspect identified but prosecution time limit has expired.	1
Community Resolution	5
Evidential Difficulties Victim Based – Named suspect not identified: The crime is confirmed but the victim either declines/ or is unable to support further police investigation to identify the offender.	5
Formal action against the offender is not in the public interest (Police)	3
Caution - Youths	1
Diversionary, Educational, Intervention complete. Further action not in public interest.	2
Prosecution not in the public interest (CPS) (all offences)	1