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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/016040/E

I write in connection with your request for information dated 19/12/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Please provide me with the following information under the Freedom of Information Act.

How many injuries from dog attacks of any breed have there been in your police force area in the calendar year of 2025?

How many injuries from dog attacks from XL bullies have there been in your police force area in the calendar year of 2025?

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 some of the information requested may be held by GMP.

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

GMP do not record the number of injuries by dog attacks in a way that our system can easily extract such information. This would only be recorded in the MO description of any reports. The same would apply to identifying the number of injuries from XL bullies. Between 1st Jan 2025 and 18th Dec 2025 under the 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, there have been 1622 reports. Each of these would have to be manually assessed to see if we hold the data requested in this FOI. Even then, the results may not reflect the accurate number.

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 reduced time frame. 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.