

Date: 2nd July 2026
Our ref: FOI/26/017120/C

I write in connection with your request for information dated 24/06/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Please provide the following information for all years your digital records cover, up to and including 2025:

The number of dog related incidents where the victim was aged 0–11.

Of those, how many occurred in a domestic setting (home, private garden, or other private residential property)

Where recorded, the breed/type of dog involved.

Where recorded, the relationship between the dog and the child (family dog, neighbour's dog, friend/visitor's dog, or stranger's dog)

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police (GMP) to locate information relevant to your request. I can confirm that the information you have requested is held by GMP.

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

To determine the setting, breed and relationship between victim and dog/owner would require a manual review of all crimes returned. An initial search returned 2,871 crimes. Each crime would need to be manually reviewed at an estimate of 5 minutes per crime would take this request to in excess of 240 hours to ascertain the data required.

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.

Greater Manchester Police 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 keep this within the fees limit, the information that you are requesting will need to be reduced. For example, removing the breakdown. 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.

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 exceeded (see below information). I hope that this is of use to you, but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fees 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 on or before 31st December 2025, where the HO code and HO offence level are 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) and 008/22 (Owner or person in charge allowing a dog to enter a non-public place and injure any person), where there is a victim attached to the crime with age between, and including, 0 and 11 years, 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.
- Some offences may only be available for part of this time period i.e. they may have started or stopped being used during this period.
- Age has been calculated using the crime committed date and the person date of birth. Please note:
 - The crime committed date may be different to other dates e.g. reported or created.
 - The crime committed date may be recorded as a range where the crime occurred over a period of time or where it is not possible to say exactly when it occurred. In these cases, the first date in the range has been used for the calculation.
 - Age cannot be calculated where the crime committed date and/or person date of birth has not been recorded.
 - The calculated age may be incorrect where the person date of birth has been recorded incorrectly.

Crime Created Year	Crime Volume
1998	62
1999	77
2000	68

2001	62
2002	83
2003	61
2004	48
2005	30
2006	38
2007	22
2008	34
2009	25
2010	37
2011	42
2012	45
2013	66
2014	91
2015	145
2016	151
2017	166
2018	143
2019	119
2020	90
2021	108
2022	217
2023	241
2024	275
2025	325