

Thursday, 20 August 2026
Our ref: 01/FOI/26/017440/P

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/017440/P

I write in connection with your request for information dated 12/08/2026, I note you seek access to the following information:

Under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I am writing to request information from your police force regarding dog-related incidents reported during the years 2024, 2025, and 2026 to date.

Dogs seized:

- 1. How many dogs has the force seized under Section 3 of the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 in the years 2024, 2025, and 2026 to date?*

Breeds of dog seized:

- 2. If recorded, please list the breeds of all of the dogs seized under Section 3 of the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 in the years 2024, 2025, and 2026 to date?*

Result of Searches

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

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

We have collated Part 1 information which is provided with this letter. However, on Part 2 Breeds of dog, we record every record individually by each seizure. This requires manual access to each record to collate this information as there are no tools on the system to do it promptly. From initial searches carried out a total of 897 records would need to be manually

reviewed. As such, it is anticipated it would take in excess of 18hours to provide the requested information.

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.

Although this removes GMP's obligations under the Act, as a gesture of goodwill, I have supplied some information, relative to your request please see below.

Part 1

Section 3 only

2024 – 309

2025 – 265

2026 – 186

Section 3 linked with Animal Welfare Act and Section 1 offences.

2024 – 55

2025 – 56

2026 – 26

Lastly, in this instance, Greater Manchester Police will be unable to provide advice for you to reduce Part 2 of the request in order for the force to keep this within the fees limit in accordance with Section 16(1), the duty to provide advice and assistance, of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.