



Via Email



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Our ref: FOI 2022/376

Reply contact name is:

Dear,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 28/04/2022 concerning dog attacks.

I am required by the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to handle all requests in a manner that is blind as to the identity and motives of the requestor. Any information released as a response to a request is regarded as being published and therefore in the public domain without caveat.

Your request for information has now been considered and I am able to respond as follows.

You wrote:

Please may you provide me with:

- A. Whether your police force records attacks as a separate offence
- B. The number of dog attacks recorded by your police force in each of the years from 2017 to 2021.
- C. The number of arrests made in relation to dog attacks by your force in each of the years from 2017 to 2021.
- D. How many dangerous dogs were seized by your force in each of the years from 2017 to 2021.

How many dogs were destroyed in your force area each of the years from 2017 to 2021

Response

- A. Whether your police force records attacks as a separate offence
These are not captured as a separate offence. Any injuries/accidents/assaults on officers are captured on a HR reporting system. HO Description 008/21 In charge of dog out of control in ANY place injuring any person or assistance dog captures crimes/incidents against any individual on our crime recording system.



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- B. The number of dog attacks recorded by your police force in each of the years from 2017 to 2021.

	Count(NicheIncidentCount)
2017	264
2018	270
2019	302
2020	309
2021	377

Please note:

'Incidents' used to capture all reports of dog attacks. 'Crimes' may differ to above figures.

- C. The number of arrests made in relation to dog attacks by your force in each of the years from 2017 to 2021
**6 arrests have been made in relation to dog attacks using the following arrest description:
Owner/person in charge of a dog dangerously out of control in public causing injury & non-injury**
- D. How many dangerous dogs were seized by your force in each of the years from 2017 to 2021.
**2017-17
2018-7
2019-15
2020-15
2021-26**
- E. How many dogs were destroyed in your force area each of the years from 2017 to 2021.
**2017-5
2018-1
2019-3
2020-6
2021-5**

I am satisfied that all the relevant information has been passed to me and been considered in the light of your request within the time constraints applicable under the legislation.

Wiltshire Police would like to thank you for the interest that you have shown in the Force.

Yours sincerely

Force Disclosure Decision Maker

Wiltshire Police offers a re-examination of your case under its review procedure.



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Freedom of Information Request Appeals Procedure

1. Who Can Ask for a Review

Any person who has requested information from Wiltshire Police, which has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act, is entitled to complain and request an internal review, if they are dissatisfied with the response they received.

2. How to Request a Review

Requests for review of a Freedom of Information request must be made in writing to the:
Force Disclosure Unit
Wiltshire Police Headquarters,
London Road, Devizes,
Wiltshire,
SN10 2DN

Email at disclosure@wiltshire.police.uk.

The reference number, date of the request and details of why the review is being requested must be included. Requests for review should be brought to the attention of the Force Disclosure Unit within 20 working days of the Force's response to the original FoI request.

3. Review Procedure

Receipt of a request for review will be acknowledged in writing to include confirmation of the reasons for the review. The review will be conducted by another Decision Maker, who is independent from the original Decision Maker. The Force Disclosure Unit will set a target date for a response. The response will be made as soon as is practicable with the intention to complete the review within twenty working days. In more complex cases the review may take up to 40 working days.

The Independent Decision Maker will conduct a review of the handling of the request for information and of decisions taken, including decisions taken about where the public interest lies in respect of exempt information where applicable. The review enables a re-evaluation of the case, taking into account the matters raised by the complaint.

4. Conclusion of the Appeal

On completion of the review the Independent Decision Maker will reply to the complainant with the result of the review. If the complainant is still dissatisfied following the review they should

contact the Information Commissioner to make an appeal. The Information Commissioner can be contacted via the following details:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
Tel: 01625 545 700
Fax: 01625 524 510
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If you should wish you contact them, please visit <https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/>