

**Force Disclosure Unit**

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Your ref: FOI

Our ref: FOI 2022 / 491

Dear ***,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 3rd June 2022 concerning 999 and 111 calls regarding 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 having consulted our Business Intelligence Unit I am now able to respond as follows.

You wrote:

1. The number of 999 and 111 calls regarding dog attacks made to your police force broken down by (calendar) year for the years 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021.
2. Can you tell me the criminal outcomes relating to a dog attack broken down by those same years?
3. If there's time, can you tell me the age of the victims of these attacks, also broken down by these same years.

Our response:**Please note the following:**

- *This data includes crimes & non crime incidents.*
- *In charge of dog out of control in ANY place injuring any person or assistance dog.*
- *Owner or person in charge allowing dog to be dangerously out of control in any place in E&W (whether or not in public place) injuring any person or assistance dog.*
- *Please be aware that a lot of the reports can be "Child pulls dogs tail and dog bites child", or "Child falls on dog and dog bites child" etc.*



INVESTOR IN PEOPLE

Question 1:

Reported Year	Occurrences
2017	237
2018	239
2019	267
2020	275
2021	313
Grand Total	1331

Question 2:

Outcomes	Count of Occ No's
2017	237
1: Summoned/postal requisition	1
10: Police - formal action not in public interest	1
14: Victim declines/unable to support action to identify offender	3
16: Victim declines/withdraws support - named suspect identified	31
18: Investigation complete no suspect identified	42
20: Other body/agency has investigation primacy	7
21: Police - named suspect, investigation not in the public interest	1
8: Community resolution	26
Cancelled/transferred	14
Hist - 1. Charged/summoned	10
Hist - 15. Named suspect ID-victim supports but ED	93
Hist - 3. Caution-adults	3
New	5
2018	239
1: Charged	2
1: Summoned/postal requisition	3
14: Victim declines/unable to support action to identify offender	9
15: Police - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	86
16: Victim declines/withdraws support - named suspect identified	37
18: Investigation complete no suspect identified	40
20: Other body/agency has investigation primacy	14
21: Police - named suspect, investigation not in the public interest	5
3: Adult caution	1
3: Adult conditional caution	1
8: Community resolution	14
Cancelled/transferred	11
Hist - 15. Named suspect ID-victim supports but ED	14
Hist - 1A. Suspect charged with an alternative offence	1
Hist - 3. Caution-adults	1
2019	267
1: Summoned/postal requisition	6
10: Police - formal action not in public interest	2
14: Victim declines/unable to support action to identify offender	3
15: Police - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	92
16: Victim declines/withdraws support - named suspect identified	50

18: Investigation complete no suspect identified	52
1A: Alternate offence summonsed/postal requisition	1
20: Other body/agency has investigation primacy	20
21: Police - named suspect, investigation not in the public interest	7
3: Adult caution	1
8: Community resolution	15
Cancelled/transferred	17
New	1
2020	275
1: Charged	1
1: Summonsed/postal requisition	10
10: Police - formal action not in public interest	2
14: Victim declines/unable to support action to identify offender	2
15: CPS - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	1
15: Police - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	87
16: Victim declines/withdraws support - named suspect identified	57
18: Investigation complete no suspect identified	63
20: Other body/agency has investigation primacy	15
21: Police - named suspect, investigation not in the public interest	9
3: Adult caution	1
3: Adult conditional caution	1
8: Community resolution	10
Cancelled/transferred	15
New	1
2021	313
1: Summonsed/postal requisition	8
10: Police - formal action not in public interest	2
14: Victim declines/unable to support action to identify offender	19
15: Police - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	122
16: Victim declines/withdraws support - named suspect identified	40
18: Investigation complete no suspect identified	56
20: Other body/agency has investigation primacy	18
21: Police - named suspect, investigation not in the public interest	5
3: Adult conditional caution	1
8: Community resolution	8
Cancelled/transferred	20
New	14
Grand Total	1331

Question 3:

Ages	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Grand Total
0	1		2	5	2	10
1	1	3	4	5	10	23
2	2		11	11	7	31
3	4	5	5	6	5	25
4	2	2	8	4	9	25

5	7		10	7	6	30
6	5	3	10	8	2	28
7	6	1	9	9	3	28
8	6	2	4	3	3	18
9	2	7	6	6	13	34
10	8	2	2	5	3	20
11	5	8	7	7	6	33
12	3	2	3	3	5	16
13	3	6	6	5	5	25
14	1	2	5	5	3	16
15	1	2	3		3	9
16	1	2	4	4	2	13
17			2	2	4	8
18			1	1	2	4
19		2	1	2	1	6
20	5	1	2	2	5	15
21	1	3	4	1	5	14
22	1		2	3	3	9
23	3	1	2	3		9
24	1	1	3	1	3	9
25	3	2	1		1	7
26	4	2	1	3	2	12
27	1	5	1	2	4	13
28	2	3	3	2	4	14
29	3	4	3	3	5	18
30	1	3	5	1	4	14
31	4	5	1	3	2	15
32	1	5	1	5	6	18
33	2	4	3	6	2	17
34	3	4	1	5	5	18
35	4	3	2	1	4	14
36	1	2	2	2	6	13
37	2	5	2	3	2	14
38	7		1	2	1	11
39	4	5	2	3	2	16
40	1	3	2	6	2	14
41	4	3	1	2	2	12
42	3	3	1	3	3	13
43	7	4	4	2	5	22
44	8	6	3	4	9	30
45	4	7	2	6	2	21
46	6	3	4	8	3	24
47	5	8	2	2	5	22
48	7	6	8	2	6	29
49	4	6	7	8	1	26
50	2	5	4	3	5	19
51	4	8	5	3	4	24
52	3	2	6	5	4	20

53	3	4	5	3	4	19
54	3	2	5	2	9	21
55	6	8	2	5	4	25
56	3	3	6	3	8	23
57	4	6	5	4	3	22
58	5	1	5	3	6	20
59	2	2	4	6	3	17
60	2	2	3	3	10	20
61	3	2	4	9	3	21
62	1	4	3	4	4	16
63	2	3	2	4	3	14
64	1	2		5	4	12
65	5	4	3	1	1	14
66	2	4	2	2	3	13
67	2	1	1		1	5
68	1		1		5	7
69			2	1	2	5
70	4	1	1	2	2	10
71	1		2	1	1	5
72	3		3		1	7
73	2	3			4	9
74	2				3	5
75		1	2	2		5
76		1		1	1	3
77				2	2	4
79	1	1	1	1		4
80		1		1	4	6
81			2			2
82		1	1			2
83				1		1
84				1		1
85					1	1
87	2	1		1		4
88			1			1
NULL	8	10	7	4	10	39
Grand Total	237	239	267	275	313	1331

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,

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.pnn.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 Fol 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
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