



Force Disclosure Unit

Police Headquarters
London Road
DEVIZES
Wiltshire
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Date: 18th September 2023

Ref: FOI 2023/826

I write in connection with your request for information dated 17th August 2023 concerning Dangerous Dogs.

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 after having consulted Dog Unit – I am now able to respond as follows.

You wrote:

I am conducting research on behalf of NPCC Dangerous Dog Portfolio to understand the relationship between specified offences under the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 and criminal justice outcomes. The reason for this is that there is anecdotal evidence to suggest that recorded offences of a dog being dangerously out of control is rising but the corresponding conviction data from HMCTS indicates a reduction in offences prosecuted.

I would like to know the number of offences recorded under Home Office Classifications 008/21 and 111/25 per year and b) the associated criminal justice outcomes for each of the below offences the last six years (2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022).

For the purpose of standardisation can the Outcome codes be as per the outcome framework introduced in 2014 (Outcome Codes 1-22).

I am happy to accept the data in either calendar year or annual year format.

Offences:

Dog Dangerously Out of Control Causing Death (CJS Code DD91035 / HOCR 008/21) Dog Dangerously Out of Control Causing Injury (CJS Code DD91034 / HOCR 008/21) Dog Dangerously Out of Control Causing Injury to an Assistance Dog (CJS Code DD91036 / HOCR 008/21) Dog Dangerously Out of Control No Injury (CJS Code DD91033 / HOCR 111/25)

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Our response:

Detection Status	Reported Year / Crimes						Grand Total
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	
1. Charged/summonsed	10	8	7	14	14	6	59
10: Police - formal action not in public interest	1	1	2	2	2	3	11
14: Victim declines/unable to support action to identify offender	5	10	3	2	22	17	59
15. Named suspect ID-victim supports but ED	105	14					119
15: CPS - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties		1		1	1		3
15: Police - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	7	91	108	99	161	172	638
16: Victim declines/withdraws support - named suspect identified	34	41	56	63	48	84	326
18: Investigation complete no suspect identified	48	49	57	70	71	72	367
1A. Suspect charged with an alternative offence		1					1
1A: Alternate offence summonsed/postal requisition			1			3	4
20: Other body/agency has investigation primacy	8	14	23	20	20	25	110
21: Police - named suspect, investigation not in the public interest	1	6	8	9	5	2	31
22: Diversionary, educational or intervention activity, resulting from crime reports, has been undertaken and is not in the public interest to take any further action.						2	2
3. Caution-adults	4	1					5
3: Adult caution		1	1	1			3
3: Adult conditional caution		2		2	1		5
8: Community resolution	27	15	16	10	10	6	84
Grand Total	250	255	282	293	355	392	1827

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

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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.

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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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