

WILTSHIRE POLICE



XXXX – Via email



Police Headquarters
London Road
DEVIZES
Wiltshire
SN10 2DN
disclosure@wiltshire.police.uk

Date: 17th March 2026

Our ref: FOI 2026-260

Dear XXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 5th March 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.

Following receipt of your request, research was conducted by the Business Intelligence Unit at Wiltshire Police.

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

You wrote:

For each of the last eight calendar years (2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025) could you please provide the number of out-of-control dog attacks causing injury offences recorded.

Our response:

Please note, the response is for Home Office code 8/21 which is the following offence descriptions: "in charge of dog out of control in ANY place injuring any person or assistance dog (2018 – 2022)" and "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 (2022 – 2025)"

Reported Year	Count (OccNo)
2018	255
2019	281
2020	293
2021	355
2022	396

Keeping Wiltshire Safe

2023	377
2024	422
2025	477
Grand Total	2856

I am satisfied that all the relevant information has been passed to me and 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