

**Police Headquarters**

London Road  
DEVIZES  
Wiltshire  
SN10 2DN

Date: 11/08/2026

**Our ref: FOI 2026/743**

I write in connection with your request for information dated 07/08/2026 concerning dog attack offences and arrests.

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:**

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would be grateful if you could provide the following information for each calendar year from 2021 to the most recent period available.

1. The total number of offences recorded under the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991.
2. The total number of offences recorded under Section 3 of the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 (dog dangerously out of control).
3. The total number of arrests made in connection with offences under the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991.
4. The total number of arrests made in connection with Section 3 of the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 (dog dangerously out of control).
5. Where recorded, the age of the victim, grouped into the following bands:
  - Under 18
  - 18-24
  - 25-34
  - 35-44
  - 45-54
  - 55-64
  - 65+
6. The number of victims recorded as:
  - Postal workers, couriers and delivery drivers;
  - Utility workers, engineers or contractors.

7. The number of dogs seized in connection with Dangerous Dogs Act offences.

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8. The number of dogs destroyed in connection with Dangerous Dogs Act offences.

9. Where recorded, the breed or suspected breed involved in the greatest number of recorded offences during the most recent year available.

## Response:

### Q1 and Q2

| OffenceDescription                                                                                                                                                 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 | 2026 |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| In charge of dog out of control in ANY place injuring any person or assistance dog                                                                                 | 355  | 140  | -    | -    | -    | -    |
| 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 | 0    | 251  | 373  | 421  | 468  | 257  |

### Q3 and Q4

| Arrests                                                                                                                                                            |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| OffenceDescription                                                                                                                                                 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 | 2026 |
| In charge of dog out of control in ANY place injuring any person or assistance dog                                                                                 | 0    | 1    | -    | -    | -    | -    |
| 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 | 0    | 1    | 2    | 8    | 7    | 4    |

### Q5

| ReportedAge | Reported.Year | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 | 2026 |
|-------------|---------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
|             | Under 18      | 120  | 156  | 127  | 155  | 168  | 90   |
|             | 18-24         | 22   | 15   | 12   | 29   | 23   | 11   |
|             | 25-34         | 42   | 48   | 44   | 63   | 65   | 34   |
|             | 35-44         | 44   | 47   | 60   | 54   | 79   | 34   |
|             | 45-54         | 53   | 56   | 74   | 75   | 74   | 53   |
|             | 55-64         | 57   | 70   | 54   | 60   | 68   | 42   |
|             | 65+           | 40   | 45   | 38   | 43   | 62   | 36   |

Q6 – No Information Held - we do not record victim's job role

### Q7

#### Dogs Seized

| Year        | Count of Dangerous Dog Database Id |
|-------------|------------------------------------|
| 2021        | 15                                 |
| 2022        | 12                                 |
| 2023        | 16                                 |
| 2024        | 19                                 |
| 2025        | 41                                 |
| 2026        | 23                                 |
| Grand Total | 126                                |

### Q8

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Dogs destroyed

| Row         |                                    |
|-------------|------------------------------------|
| Labels      | Count of Dangerous Dog Database Id |
| 2021        | 5                                  |
| 2022        | 6                                  |
| 2023        | 3                                  |
| 2024        | 5                                  |
| 2025        | 25                                 |
| 2026        | 7                                  |
| Grand Total | 51                                 |

Q9 - No Information Held - we do not record breed of dog

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.



**Force Disclosure Unit**

Wiltshire Police HQ, London Road, Devizes, Wiltshire SN10 2DN



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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](mailto: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

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Fax: 01625 524 510

Email: [mail@ico.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:mail@ico.gsi.gov.uk)

**Please note that the ICO's offices will be closed for the foreseeable future and are therefore unable to receive correspondence via post.**

**If you should wish you contact them, please visit <https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/>**