



Dear,

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2023.0044

On 11/01/2023 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Further to my request below, I'd like to request additional information.

Can you supply information or data breakdowns regarding the relationship between the victim(s) of the attack and the owner of the dog in question? E.g. family member / sibling / stranger?

Please contact me to advise further if the information is recorded in a particular way that requires me to alter my request.

If this is possible, I'd like the information for the years: 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022. I have already requested the total numbers of attacks under code 008/21, I am now seeking further information about these attacks, if it is available and accessible within the parameters of the FOI act.

Original request:

I would like to know the number of dog related offences for the calendar year 2022, under the code 008/21.

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 s1, I can confirm that Gloucestershire Constabulary holds some relevant information.

Police Forces in the United Kingdom are routinely required to provide statistics to government bodies and the recording criteria is set nationally. However, the systems used for recording these figures are not generic, nor are the procedures used locally in capturing the data. It should be noted that for these reasons the figures given relate to information from the specific recording system of Gloucestershire Constabulary and should not be used for comparison purposes with any other response you receive.

Please note that our systems are designed to record information for policing purposes and the investigation of crime and not to extract statistical information. Accordingly whilst we endeavour to extract relevant data within the time limits of the Act, any data supplied is subject to these limitations.

I can confirm that a search has been conducted for crimes recorded from 01/01/2018 to 31/12/2022 whereby the offence was 8/21 – Owner or person in charge allowing dog to be

dangerously out of control in any place in England or Wales (whether or not in a public place) injuring any person or assistance dog.

The results are as follows:

Year	No. of Crimes
2018	163
2019	204
2020	206
2021	199
2022	259
Total	1031

Of the crimes that had a suspect/offender linked, the following relationships were recorded:

Relationship	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Total
Not recorded	110	116	121	122	154	623
Family Member	0	2	2	4	6	14
Acquaintance	0	0	1	7	7	15
Friend	0	0	0	2	3	5
Neighbour	0	1	4	3	1	9
Stranger	4	1	7	5	3	20
Unknown	2	9	9	5	5	30
Total	116	129	144	148	179	716

If you are not satisfied with this response or any actions taken in dealing with your request, you have the right to ask that we review your case under our internal procedure. Please note that a request for an internal review must be made within 20 working days of the response to your original request.

If you decide to request that such a review is undertaken and following this process you are still unsatisfied, you then have the right to direct your complaint to the Information Commissioner for consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Disclosure Officer
Gloucestershire Constabulary