



Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2023.0208

On 13/02/2022 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

1. How many police dogs were there in the force's dog unit for each of the last ten calendar years (2012-2022), broken down by job type. (eg. General purpose/ explosive detection) Please list the main breeds used in the totals in question 1. Please list the most commonly used breeds first.
2. How many full time members of staff (trainers, handlers, officers etc) were working in the force's dog unit for each of the years in the same period.
3. What was the force's total budget for each of these years and how much was allocated to the dog unit.
4. Does the force have its own dog breeding unit?

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

1. A search of Gloucestershire Constabulary's recording system has been conducted, please see the results below.

Year	General Purpose	Explosives	Drugs / Cash / Firearms	Drugs Passive	Conflict Management
2012	16	2	3	1	0
2013	16	2	4	1	0
2014	22	2	5	1	0
2015	26	3	6	1	0
2016	26	1	6	1	1
2017	30	1	7	1	1
2018	23	1	7	1	1
2019	20	0	6	1	1
2020	17	0	6	1	1
2021	20	0	3	1	1
2022	17	0	7	1	1

Most General Purpose dogs are German Shepherds and the mist specialist dogs are Springer or Cocker Spaniels or a cross of these breeds.

2. Since 2019 the Dog Section have had 1 x Inspector, 1x Sergeant, 1x Full time Trainer and 12 x Operational Shift Dog Handlers.

3.

Year	Budget allocated to dog section
12/13	£100,876
13/14	£61,019
14/15	£104,140
15/16	£107,650
16/17	£104,543
17/18	£105,541
18/19	£105,955
19/20	£65,379
20/21	£67,318
21/22	£65,485
22/23	£65,065

The budgets from 12/13 until 19/20 includes Fuel which was centralised in 19/20.

4. No information held.

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,