



Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2023.0588

On 31/05/2023 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

1. How many dog attacks have been recorded in your police force area in the last five years for which data is available? If possible, please provide data broken down by year. I don't mind if the data is broken down by calendar year, financial year, or other 12-month reporting period.
2. How many of the dog attacks in the last five years for which you have data have involved injury to a person or persons? If possible, please provide data broken down by year. I don't mind if the data is broken down by calendar year, financial year, or other 12-month reporting period.
3. How many deaths have been recorded in your police force area from dog attacks in the last five years for which data is available? If possible, please provide data broken down by year. I don't mind if the data is broken down by calendar year, financial year, or other 12-month reporting period.
4. How many arrests has your police force made for incidents involving dog attacks in the last five years for which data is available? If possible, please provide data broken down by year. I don't mind if the data is broken down by calendar year, financial year, or other 12-month reporting period.

Further correspondence was received on 01/06/2023 refining your request

After discussions with other forces, I am aware that the request as currently drafted might engage the time exemption. If that is your assessment, please be aware that I would be willing to refine my request as follows:

1 - Provide all recorded crimes under HOCR 008/21 - Owner or person in charge allowing dog to be dangerously out of control injuring any person or assistance dog. Other forces have said their system shows these offences began recording at the end of 2018, so to provide full yearly data the refinement would be to provide the last 4 years from 01/01/2019 to 31/12/2022.

2 - Provide all recorded outcomes for these crimes

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 of the Crime Recording System has been conducted for substantiated crimes where the offence of 'Owner or person in charge allowing dog to be dangerously out of control injuring any person or assistance dog' have been recorded between the dates of 01/01/2019 to 31/12/2022. This has returned 867 results and this has been broken down by year. The recorded police outcomes have been included in the search.

1. The results of Dog out of Control – injury public place broken down by year.

Year	Total
2019	204
2020	206
2021	199
2022	258
Total	867

2. Results of recorded police outcomes

Police Outcomes	Total
Adult Caution	3
Adult Conditional Caution	5
Adult Diversionary	5
Det Charge / Summons	46
Det NFA Community Resolution	7
Det NFA No Useful Purpose	2
Det NFA Offender Dead	1
Further Investigation Not In Public Interest	63
Investigation Complete - No Suspect	171
IP Does Not Support - No Suspect	71
IP Does Not Support - Suspect Identified	347
IP Supports - Suspect Identified	61
Other Force Agency	6
Restorative Disposal Level 1	61

Restorative Disposal Level 2	2
Undetected	16
Total	867

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.