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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2023.0837

On 18/08/2023 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

I am conducting research on behalf of NPCC Dangerous Dog Portfolio to understand the relationship between specified offences under the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 and criminal justice outcomes. The reason for this is that there is anecdotal evidence to suggest that recorded offences of a dog being dangerously out of control is rising but the corresponding conviction data from HMCTS indicates a reduction in offences prosecuted.

I would like to know the number of offences recorded under Home Office Classifications 008/21 and 111/25 per year and b) the associated criminal justice outcomes for each of the below offences the last six years (2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022).

For the purpose of standardisation can the Outcome codes be as per the outcome framework introduced in 2014 (Outcome Codes 1-22).

I am happy to accept the data in either calendar year or annual year format.

Offences:

Dog Dangerously Out of Control Causing Death (CJS Code DD91035 / HOCR 008/21)

Dog Dangerously Out of Control Causing Injury (CJS Code DD91034 / HOCR 008/21)

Dog Dangerously Out of Control Causing Injury to an Assistance Dog (CJS Code DD91036 / HOCR 008/21)

Dog Dangerously Out of Control No Injury (CJS Code DD91033 / HOCR 111/25)

Outcome Codes:

<https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.gov.uk%2Fgovernment%2Fstatistics%2Fcrime-outcomes-in-england-and-wales-2020-to-2021%2Fcrime->

[outcomes-in-england-and-wales-technical-annex&data=05%7C01%7CFreedom.Information%40gloucestershire.police.uk%7Ce388528ad1364e343c6908db9f50da5e%7Cd4936c562d8640769ba6ea6bfd965203%7C0%7C0%7C638278941940192933%7CUnknown%7CTWfPbGZsb3d8eyJWljoimc4wLjAwMDAiLCJQljoiv2luMzliLCJBTil6lk1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C2000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=z%2BcZiFhWpcm0FhZKTalyZlfmAl4JwEUd6Ge7ff9kyM8%3D&reserved=0](https://www.gloucestershire.police.uk/annex&data=05%7C01%7CFreedom.Information%40gloucestershire.police.uk%7Ce388528ad1364e343c6908db9f50da5e%7Cd4936c562d8640769ba6ea6bfd965203%7C0%7C0%7C638278941940192933%7CUnknown%7CTWfPbGZsb3d8eyJWljoimc4wLjAwMDAiLCJQljoiv2luMzliLCJBTil6lk1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C2000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=z%2BcZiFhWpcm0FhZKTalyZlfmAl4JwEUd6Ge7ff9kyM8%3D&reserved=0)

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

Following receipt of your request, searches were conducted of the Crime Recording System for substantiated crimes where, during the period of 01/01/2017 – 31/12/2022, the HO offence codes listed above has been recorded.

I can confirm that a total of 1,203 records have been identified.

All offences identified fall under the HO Code 008/21 offence of “Dog out of control - injury public place”.

The data has been broken down by the recorded outcome, as detailed in the table below;

Outcome	Year						Total
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	
Adult Caution	0	0	1	1	1	0	3
Adult Conditional Caution	1	0	2	0	0	3	6
Adult Diversionary	0	0	0	0	2	3	5
Det Charge / Summons	9	7	19	5	15	7	62
Det NFA Community Resolution	0	0	0	0	2	8	10
Det NFA IP Declines/Unable Prosecute	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Det NFA No Useful Purpose	0	3	1	0	1	0	5
Det NFA Offender Dead	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Det NFA Time Limit Expired	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Further Investigation Not In Public Interest	9	15	29	25	8	1	87
Investigation Complete - No Suspect	41	39	47	45	31	48	251

IP Does Not Support - No Suspect	16	16	19	15	14	24	104
IP Does Not Support - Suspect Identified	71	61	71	86	96	97	482
IP Supports - Suspect Identified	16	15	10	11	15	25	92
Other Force Agency	0	1	0	5	1	0	7
Restorative Disposal Level 1	9	5	5	11	11	34	75
Restorative Disposal Level 2	0	0	0	1	1	0	2
Undetected	0	0	0	0	1	8	9
Total	173	163	204	206	199	258	1203

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.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted via the following means:

Website - <https://ico.org.uk/>

Call their helpline - 0303 123 1113

Email - casework@ico.org.uk

Post –

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Wycliffe House
Water Lane
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Yours sincerely,

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