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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2023.0923

On 19/09/2023 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Please provide figures under the Freedom of Information Act for each year from 2018 to the most recent complete month of 2023.

- 1) The number of times the offence of an 'out of control dog causing injury' (008/21) has been recorded.
- 2) Please provide the data from Q1 split by victim demographics, including, but not limited to:
 - a) Age
 - b) Gender
 - c) Ethnicity
 - d) Relationship between victim and suspect
- 3) The data from Q1 split by outcome
- 4) If available, please also provide the data from Q1 split by dog breed.

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, initial searches were conducted of the Crime Recording System substantiated crimes recorded between 01/01/2018 – 31/08/2023 where the offence of '008/21 - Owner or person in charge allowing dog to be dangerously out of control in any place in England and Wales (whether or not in a public place) injuring any person or assistance dog'

This has returned 1280 crime reports.

1. An annual breakdown of offences

Year	Total
2018	160
2019	204
2020	207
2021	201
2022	256
2023	252
Total	1280

2a. a breakdown of age of victims

Age	Total
0	2
1	12
2	15
3	10
4	12
5	17
6	26
7	12
8	10
9	24
10	8
11	10
12	6
13	12
14	6
15	9

16	12
17	6
18	14
19	10
20	13
21	9
22	15
23	9
24	8
25	14
26	12
27	21
28	15
29	19
30	16
31	14
32	16
33	19
34	19
35	15
36	20
37	22
38	10
39	28
40	24
41	22
42	15
43	24
44	19
45	19
46	10
47	18
48	20
49	24
50	25

51	23
52	27
53	24
54	27
55	16
56	24
57	14
58	21
59	19
60	17
61	17
62	14
63	12
64	15
65	17
66	6
67	11
68	9
69	15
70	7
71	11
72	6
73	6
74	13
75+	52
Unknown	90
Total	1280

Due to the low number of individual ages records where the victim is aged 75 and over have been amalgamated.

2b. A breakdown of victims sex

Sex	Total
F	595
M	627
U	58
Total	1280

2c. a breakdown of victims ethnicity

Ethnicity	Total
Any Other Asian Background	7
Any Other Black Background	3
Any Other Ethnic Group	4
Any Other Mixed Background	1
Any Other White Background	41
Bangladeshi	1
Black African	1
Black Caribbean	1
British	848
Indian	4
Irish	5
Mixed White / Asian	2
Mixed White / Black Caribbean	3
Not Stated - Called Away	162
Pakistani	2
Unknown	195
Total	1280

2d. a breakdown of relationship between victim and offender

Relationship	Total
ACQUAINTANCE	14
FAMILY MEMBER	19
FRIEND	4
NEIGHBOUR	13
Stranger	19
UNKNOWN	1211
Total	1280

3. a breakdown of police outcomes

Police Outcome	Total
Adult Caution	3

Adult Conditional Caution	6
Adult Diversionary	6
Det Charge / Summons	56
Det NFA Community Resolution	49
Det NFA IP Declines/Unable Prosecute	1
Det NFA No Useful Purpose	8
Det NFA Offender Dead	1
Further Investigation Not In Public Interest	78
Investigation Complete - No Suspect	272
IP Does Not Support - No Suspect	112
IP Does Not Support - Suspect Identified	472
IP Supports - Suspect Identified	93
Other Force Agency	8
Restorative Disposal Level 1	79
Restorative Disposal Level 2	2
Undetected	33
Youth Diversionary	1
Total	1280

4. Where recorded, the breed of dog has been provided in the below table

Breed	Total
ALSATIAN	1
DOG	1
OTHER MEDIUM	1
RETRIEVER CURLY	1
TERRIER YORKSHIRE	1

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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Yours sincerely,

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