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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2023.1093

On 09/11/2023 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Under the FOI Act 2000, please provide me with the following:

The number of reported dog attacks (owner or person in charge allowing a dog to be dangerously out of control) in the force area in each of the following time periods:

- January 1 to October 31 2019
- January 1 to October 31 2020
- January 1 to October 31 2021
- January 1 to October 31 2022
- January 1 to October 31 2023

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.

A search of the Crime Recording System has been conducted to identify all substantiated crimes recorded in the period of 01/01 – 31/10 for the years 2019 – 2023, where the offence recorded is “Owner or person in charge allowing dog to be dangerously out of control in any place in England or Wales (whether or not a public place) injuring any person or assistance dog”

The results have been provided below:

- January 1 to October 31 2019 - 172
- January 1 to October 31 2020 - 179
- January 1 to October 31 2021 - 175
- January 1 to October 31 2022 - 220
- January 1 to October 31 2023 - 309

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 –

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
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Wilmslow
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Yours sincerely,

Disclosure Officer
Gloucestershire Constabulary