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Our reference: FOI_24_0025

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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_24_0025

On 0801/2024 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Under the Freedom of Information Act, please provide the number of 'out of control dog causing injury' (008/21) offences recorded for each year from 2018 till 2023. If you do not have data for all of 2023, please provide it up until the most recent date available and specify that date.

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 Gloucestershire Constabulary's Crime Recording System has been conducted to identify all substantiated crimes recorded between 01/01/2018 – 31/12/2023 where the offence is recorded as "Dog out of control -injury public place". This has returned 1,398 results.

The total has been broken down below by calendar year:

Year	Total
2018	163
2019	204
2020	206
2021	199
2022	258
2023	368

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
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Yours sincerely,

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