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Our reference: FOI_2024_0156

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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_2024_0156

On 06/02/2024 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

This is a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. My request relates to the number of dog attacks in recent years and where these have happened.

ITV News would like to request the following information:

Since 2020, how many fatal dog attacks have happened in your area?

Please break down the data as follows:

1st January 2020 - 31st December 2020

1st January 2021 - 31st December 2021

1st January 2022 - 31st December 2022

1st January 2023 - 31st December 2023

1st January 2024 - 6th February 2024

For each year, how many fatal dog attacks happened in a private residence/domestic setting, for example a home?

For each year, how many fatal dog attacks happened in a public setting?

If it is not possible to provide the information requested due to cost of compliance limits, please let me know how I can refine my request.

I look forward to receiving your response within 20 working days. If you need any further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 s1, I can confirm that Gloucestershire Constabulary does not hold any 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, I can confirm that a search of the crime recording system for all offences under the Home Office Offence Category of Homicide between 01/01/2020 – 06/02/2024, whereby the MO free text search 'DOG'.

This search has returned in Zero (0) results.

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
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
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Yours sincerely,

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