



Your reference: n/a

Our reference: FOI_24_0561

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Date: 01/07/2024

Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_24_0561

On 04/06/2024 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

This request specifically asks for information of all XL bully attacks in the UK where either a human or animal has been injured or killed since 1/2/24. I also request, under the freedom of information act, figures for reports of said dogs and the data on what, if any, action was taken on these reports. My request, under the freedom of information act, will also cover the details for the lead times for requests for exemption information from DEFRA to confirm if these dogs hold exemption. To confirm by the statement these dogs I mean those typed and identified as XL bullies.

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.

Since 01/02/2024 Gloucestershire Constabulary has recorded 2 reports that match this criteria. The investigations are still ongoing so no further information can be given at this time.

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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