



Your reference:

Our reference: FOI_24_0755

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Date: 04/09/2024

Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_24_0755

On 15/08/2024 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Please could I request the following information:

- How many XL bully attacks have been recorded in England and Wales since 1 Feb 2024?
- Could you also share how many XL bully attacks were recorded last year from Jan 23 to Dec 23?

Please illustrate this in a table/excel sheet with the respective police force in the first column, the month, the number of recorded attacks for that area, and then the number of fatal attacks for that area.

E.g. Met police, February, 89 attacks, x no. of fatalities E.g. Met, March, x, x E.g. Met, April E.g. Met, May E.g. Met, June E.g. Met, July E.g. Met, August

So respectively could this data be from February-August?

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 s1, I can confirm that Gloucestershire Constabulary holds some relevant information.

XL bully attacks recorded:

Date	Total
01/02/2024 – 15/08/2024	3
01/01/2023 – 31/12/2023	0

There have been no fatalities as a result of a dog attack.

Due to the low number of records identified, no further breakdown will be provided.

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires Gloucestershire Constabulary, when refusing to provide information (because the information is exempt) to provide you the applicant with a notice which: (a) states the fact, (b) specifies the exemption in question and (c) states (if not otherwise apparent) why the exemption applies.

With regards to providing a breakdown of the number of records by month, the following exemption applies:

Section 40(2) Personal Information

Section 40(2) applies to third party personal data. This would not be released under the Freedom of Information Act unless there is a strong public interest. The disclosure of any information which could lead to the identification of an individual would breach the Data Protection Principles contained with the Data Protection Act 2018, namely the first principle which states that personal data shall be processed lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner in relation to individuals.

This exemption is absolute and class based therefore I am not required to apply either the public interest test or harm test in disclosure.

In accordance with the Act, this letter represents a Refusal Notice for this part of your request.

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
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Yours sincerely,

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