



Your reference: N/A
Our reference: FOI_24_1048
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Date: 11/12/2024

Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_24_1048

On 21/11/2024 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

The number of reported dog attacks (Home Office code 008/21 – owner or person in charge allowing dog to be dangerously out of control in any place in England or Wales injuring any person or assistance dog) from Jan 1st 2023 to Nov 1st 2024, giving a month by month breakdown.

If time constrains allow - please provide the breed of dog involved in the attack.

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

Unfortunately the breed of the dog involved in an attack is not recorded in a format that is electronically retrievable, therefore a manual review of an excess of 660 records would be required.

You should consider this to be a refusal notice under Section 17 of the Act for this part of your request.

Section 17(5) 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.

In relation to your request Section 12 applies.

Section 12(1) – Fee Regulations states:

Section 1(1) of the Act does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit. (As detailed in the Data Protection and Freedom of Information Fees Regulations of 2004)

The appropriate limit at the moment is £450 calculated at an hourly rate of £25 per hour for all staff time incurred in:

- i. Determining whether information is held
- ii. Locating it
- iii. Retrieving it
- iv. Extracting the information to be disclosed from the other information.

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

Providing Information Outside of the Act

By way of assistance and although excess cost removes the Force's obligations under the Freedom of Information Act, we have supplied the information relevant to your request which has already been retrieved. We trust this is helpful but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fees regulations for the remainder of your request.

A search has been completed for substantiated crimes for the dates of 01.01.2023 – 01.11.2024 where the offence of Owner or person in charge allowing dog to be dangerously out of control in any place in England and Wales (whether or not in a public place) injuring any person or assistance dog is present.

Please see the table below

MonthYear	Total
Jan-23	28
Feb-23	28
Mar-23	30
Apr-23	32
May-23	31
Jun-23	49
Jul-23	19
Aug-23	37
Sep-23	28
Oct-23	27
Nov-23	31
Dec-23	28
Jan-24	29
Feb-24	24
Mar-24	32

Apr-24	28
May-24	31
Jun-24	34
Jul-24	37
Aug-24	33
Sep-24	26
Oct-24	24
Nov-24	1

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
SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely,

Disclosure Officer
Gloucestershire Constabulary