



Your reference:

Our reference: FOI_24_1082

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Date: 30/12/2024

Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_24_1082

On 29/11/2024 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

1. How many wellbeing dogs are currently employed within your force, and if applicable, what breeds are they?
2. If the force does not have wellbeing dogs, is there another resource or provider used for this purpose?
3. Is there a mental health policy inclusive of wellbeing dogs?
4. Over the past five years, what percentage of total sick days taken by police officers and staff were due to mental health conditions?
5. What were the most common mental health conditions reported?

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

1. Gloucestershire Constabulary has 2 Wellbeing dogs - 1 Beagle mix and 1 German Shepherd mix. Further details of Wellbeing Dogs can be found through the Oscar Kilo website - [Oscar Kilo 9: Wellbeing and trauma support dogs | Oscar Kilo](#)
2. N/A
3. No. Resources are available separately via the Occupational Health department, the Staff Intranet and the Oscar Kilo website.
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Year	% of total sick days
2019	7.09
2020	6.42
2021	8.75

2022	7.71
2023	10.70
2024	10.95

5. No information held – Sickness related to mental health is not recorded using any specific condition, just as the overall category of “Mental Health”.

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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Yours sincerely,

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