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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_26_0368

On 13/04/2026 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request information regarding dog bites and dog aggression incidents recorded by Gloucestershire Constabulary.

Please provide the following data for:

Annual Incident Volumes

- The number of recorded offences under the Home Office Counting Rules classification "Owner or person in charge of allowing a dog to be dangerously out of control, injuring any person or assistance dog" for each calendar year from 2020 to 2025.

Victim Demographic and Location

- Please provide separate breakdowns of victims by:
 - Victim age group
 - Victim gender
 - Location type (private residence, public open place, street or pavement, workplace)

Please provide these for each year from 2020 to 2025. If a full year-by-year breakdown is not possible, aggregate across the full period is acceptable.

Outcomes

- Please provide the data on the outcome of these offences for each year during 2020-2025, including:

- Charge/ prosecution
- Caution or warning
- No further action
- A monthly breakdown of the same offences for the most recent calendar year to date (January 2026 -April 2026)

DDA Seizures

- Please provide data on the number of dogs seized under the Dangerous Dog Act 1991 for each calendar year from 2020 to 2025
- Please also provide the number of dogs seized under the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 for each month of 2026 to date (January 2026 to April 2026)

Please provide the data in a structured format, such as Excel or CSV, with separate tables for each question if required, rather than a PDF or written summary.

If you need any clarification, please contact me before the 20 working-day deadline.

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.

Following receipt of your request, searches were conducted for all substantiated crimes of "Owner or person in charge of allowing a dog to be dangerously out of control, injuring any person or assistance dog" between 01/01/2020 and 31/12/2025. The information was broken down into date, offence group, outcome, Home Office classification and location type. Searches also included victim gender and age group. Please find below the responses to your questions, below.

Annual Incident Volumes

Year	Dog out of Control Offences
2020	206
2021	199
2022	259
2023	368

2024	345
2025	343
Total	1720

Victim Demographic (Age & Gender)

Age / Gender	Dog out of Control Offences
0-9	
Female	72
Male	96
Gender Not recorded	8
10-17	
Female	52
Male	57
Gender Not recorded	1
18-24	
Female	65
Male	49
Gender Not recorded	4
25-34	
Female	112
Male	104
Gender Not recorded	10
35-44	
Female	144
Male	120
Gender Not recorded	9
45-54	
Female	121
Male	130
Gender Not recorded	6
55-64	
Female	124
Male	111
Gender Not recorded	6

65+	
Female	85
Male	93
Gender Not recorded	3
Age Not recorded	
Female	34
Male	40
Gender Not recorded	64
Total	1720

Location

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Total
Commercial	4	2	4	6	1	3	20
Dwelling	47	57	98	119	120	106	547
Education	0	1	1	0	0	2	4
Hospitality	0	2	3	5	7	1	18
Leisure	15	13	13	29	21	20	111
Medical	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Moving vehicle	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Public building	1	0	1	1	1	0	4
Public/open place	119	114	124	183	149	157	846
Shop	1	0	2	0	3	4	10
Not recorded	19	10	13	25	42	49	158
Total	206	199	259	368	345	343	1720

Outcomes

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Total
Charged/Summons	5	11	8	12	10	5	51
Not in the public interest (Police)	0	1	0	6	1	0	8
Evidential difficulties: suspect not identified; victim does not support further action	15	14	24	37	22	19	131
Evidential difficulties: suspect identified; victim supports action	11	16	26	30	48	24	155
Evidential difficulties: suspect identified; victim does not support action	86	97	97	90	87	106	563

Prosecution time limit expired	0	0	0	0	1	1	2
Investigation complete: no suspect identified	45	31	48	94	89	81	388
Action undertaken by another body/agency	5	1	0	1	0	2	9
Further investigation to support formal action not in the public interest	25	8	1	1	1	2	38
Diversionary	12	14	39	19	1	2	87
Adult Caution	1	1	3	3	2	0	10
Offender died	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Community Resolution	0	2	8	75	77	84	246
Excluded	0	3	5	0	6	17	31
Total	206	199	259	368	345	343	1720

2026 Outcomes – Monthly Breakdown to Date

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Total
Police - formal action not in public interest	0	0	0	1	1
Victim declines/unable to support action to identify offender	0	1	2	0	3
CPS - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	1	0	0	0	1
Victim declines/withdraws support - named suspect identified	8	6	3	3	20
Suspect identified but prosecution time limit expired	1	0	0	0	1
Investigation complete no suspect identified	6	2	4	5	17
Police - named suspect, investigation not in the public interest	0	0	0	2	2
Diversionary, educational or intervention activity, has been undertaken and there is no public interest to continue	0	0	2	0	2
Community resolution	5	3	4	4	16
Total	21	12	15	15	63

DDA Seizures

274 dogs seized under the Dangerous Dog Act 1991 from December 2022 to December 2025.

12 dogs seized under the Dangerous Dog Act 1991 from January 2026 to date.

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
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Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
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Yours sincerely,

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