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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_ 26_0629

On 03/07/2026 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Could you provide me with the following information, please?

1. As of 1st May 2026, how many serving police dogs do you currently have?
2. As of 1st may 2026, how many police dog handlers do you currently have?
3. What is the yearly expenditure for all police dogs?
4. Do your police dog handlers undertake canine first aid training? If so, how often are they provided a refresher course?

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

1. 22 serving Police Dogs,
2. 15 PC Dog Handlers and 1 PS Dog Handler
3. No time range has been given to answer this question, This will differ greatly as some handlers will not use all of their kennelling allowance, and with regards to the veterinary costs this will once again differ from dog to dog, one dog may just have their annual vaccinations whilst another dog may require Operations and ongoing treatment.
4. All handlers receive First Aid Training from a qualified vet as part of their CPD Training, this is completed on annual basis and is a one day course. All handlers are also provided with a dog first aid kit that they carry at all times.

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

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Yours sincerely,

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