



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2018-00232

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Dog Attacks On Sheep

Request and Answer:

Request 1

From January 1 2017 to December 31 2017, how many incidents were reported and/or numbers of sheep were involved in the following:

Dogs chasing/worrying sheep

Answer

Your request for information has now been considered. In respect of Section 1(1)(a) of the Act I can confirm that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does hold information to which your request relates. The decision has been taken to disclose the following.

During the requested time period, January 1 2017 to December 31 2017, there were a total of 48 incidents reported to the PSNI of dogs chasing/worrying sheep.

Request 2

Dogs attacking/injuring sheep.

Answer

There were a total of 34 incidents reported to the PSNI of dogs attacking/injuring sheep during the requested time period.

Request 3

Dogs killing sheep.

Answer

There were a total of 35 incidents reported to the PSNI of dogs killing sheep during the requested time period.

Please note these figures are dependent on the information being entered correctly onto the police system and are subject to change.

If you have any queries regarding your request or the decision please do not hesitate to contact me on 028 9070 0164. When contacting the Freedom of Information Team, please quote the reference

number listed at the beginning of this letter.

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