



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2018-00223

**Keyword:** Crime

**Subject:** Dogs Attacking Livestock

### Request and 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.

#### Request 1

I am seeking information on dogs attacking livestock, namely sheep. Please can you provide the following information from your police statistics: How many incidents of sheep worrying/attacks on sheep by dogs have been reported to your police force during 2015, 2016 and 2017?

#### Answer

In 2015 148 reports were made to the police in relation to dogs attacking livestock. In 2016 147 reports were reported and 145 reports made to police in 2017.

#### Request 2

How many sheep have been injured as a result of these attacks?

#### Answer

PSNI do not hold this information. In Northern Ireland all such reports are initially logged by police but then re-directed to council dog wardens.

#### Request 3

How many sheep have been killed as a result of these attacks?

#### Answer

Please refer request 2s answer.

#### Request 4

How many people have been prosecuted for these crimes?

#### Answer

Again please refer request 2s answer.

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.

If you are dissatisfied in any way with the handling of your request, you have the right to request a review. You should do this as soon as possible or in any case within two months of the date of issue of this letter. In the event that you require a review to be undertaken, you can do so by writing to the Head of Freedom of Information, PSNI Headquarters, 65 Knock Road, Belfast, BT5 6LE or by emailing [foi@psni.pnn.police.uk](mailto:foi@psni.pnn.police.uk).

If following an internal review, carried out by an independent decision maker, you were to remain dissatisfied in any way with the handling of the request you may make a complaint, under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act, to the Information Commissioner's Office and ask that they investigate whether the PSNI has complied with the terms of the Freedom of Information Act. You can write to the Information Commissioner at Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. In most circumstances the Information Commissioner will not investigate a complaint unless an internal review procedure has been carried out, however the Commissioner has the option to investigate the matter at his discretion.

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Personal details in respect of your request have, where applicable, been removed to protect confidentiality.