

Keeping People Safe



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2020-00245

Keyword: Organisational Information/Governance

Subject: Dog Attacks on Sheep

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

From January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019, how many incidents were reported/recorded involving the following: Dogs chasing/worrying sheep

We note that you are requesting information for the year of 2019, I can advise at this time that the information that is being provided to you today is up to 20th May 2019. Due to new reporting systems being introduced within the service this information will be available at a later date. Please note that these figures are dependent on who entered them onto the system and are subject to change.

Answer

PSNI Record Owner has advised from 1st January 2019 to December 2019 there were 23 reports of dog chasing sheep.

Request 2

Dogs attacking/injuring sheep

Answer

PSNI Record Owner has advised from 1st January 2019 to December 2019 there were 3 reports of dog attacking sheep.

Request 3

Dogs killing sheep

Answer

PSNI Record Owner has advised from 1st January 2019 to December 2019 there were 10 reports of dog killing sheep.

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 Corporate Information Branch, 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 Corporate Information Branch, PSNI Headquarters, 65 Knock Road, Belfast, BT5 6LE or by emailing 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.