



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2020-01059

**Keyword:** Organisational Information/Governance

**Subject:** Number of dangerous dogs seized

### 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 some information to which your request relates and this is being provided to you. However in regards to request number 1 the Police Service of Northern Ireland does not hold the information to which you seek access.

### Request 1

Number of dangerous dogs seized and the number of dogs destroyed between January 1st, 2019 and April 30th, 2020.

### Answer

Searches were conducted however these searches failed to locate any records or documents relevant to your request based on the information you have provided.

PSNI can advise that dangerous and banned breeds are enforced by the Local Council dog warden and as such it is unlikely police would seize or destroy them.

Accordingly, I have determined that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does not hold the information to which you seek access.

### Request 2

The number of dog attacks reported between January 1st, 2019 and April 30th, 2020.

### Answer

We note that you are requesting information for the year of 2019. We can advise at this time that the information that is being provided to you today is up to 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

The number of dog attacks reported from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019 to 20<sup>th</sup> May 2019 was 173.

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](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.