



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2023-00600

Keyword: Crime/Incident Statistics Other and Multiple Crime/Incident types

Subject: Dog attacks on farm

Request and Answer:

Your request for information has now been considered. In respect of Section 1(1)(a) of the Act we 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

The number of dog attacks on farm livestock in County Fermanagh in each of the last three years

Answer

2020 = 3

2021 = 1

2022 = 3

Please note these statistics are not recordable through the home office. Statistics held locally are subject to operational change.

Request 2

The number and proportion of attacks in each year which resulted in a convictions/penalty.

Answer

The Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 does not apply to Northern Ireland, with the exception of S.8 which makes provision for corresponding legislation to be made here. That corresponding legislation is The Dangerous Dogs (Northern Ireland) Order 1991 and is enforced by district councils. Police do not have any powers conferred by this Order. Please see the links provided below:

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/nisi/1991/2292/contents/> which also amends The Dogs (Northern Ireland) Order 1983 <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/nisi/1983/764/contents/>, offences within this legislation (Dangerous Dogs (Northern Ireland) Order 1991) are not included in PSNI crime statistics.

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 Corporate Information Manager, Corporate Information Branch, PSNI Headquarters, 65 Knock Road, Belfast, BT5 6LE or by emailing foi@psni.police.uk.

If, following an Internal Review carried out by an independent decision maker, you remain unhappy about how your request has been handled you have the right to apply in writing to the Information Commissioner, under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act, at 'Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. There are a number of other platforms you can use to contact the ICO and these can be found on the ICO's website at the following link: [Make a complaint | ICO \(https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/\)](https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/).

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 their discretion.

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