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Address Correspondence to: Information Management

Date 24 June 2021

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I write further to your request for information received 18/05/2021.

I note you seek access to the following information:

I am currently undertaking a master's level research project into the area of Police Dog deployment and Body Worn Video (BWV) and would be grateful if you would please provide the following information:

1. Is BWV currently used by dog handlers within your force?
2. When was it introduced and is it mandatory?
3. Please confirm the number of police dog bite incidents involving members of the public (including suspects and detainees) in the following periods: 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2019-20, 2020-21.
4. Please confirm the number of complaints made by the public regarding a police dog bite incident in the following periods: 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2019-20, 2020-21.
5. Please confirm the amount of money paid out in compensation to members of the public who have been bitten by a police dog in the following periods: 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2019-20, 2020-21.

Following receipt of your request, searches were conducted within Leicestershire Police to locate information relevant to your request.

Your request for information has now been considered and the information asked for is as follows: -

Is BWV currently used by dog handlers within your force?
Yes

When was it introduced and is it mandatory?

It is mandatory. It was first introduced to front line officers in December 2012.

Please confirm the number of police dog bite incidents involving members of the public (including suspects and detainees) in the following periods: 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2019-20, 2020-21.

2013-12
2014-15
2015-22
2016-7
2017-8
2018-14
2019-5
2020-15
2021-2

Please confirm the number of complaints made by the public regarding a police dog bite incident in the following periods: 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2019-20, 2020-21.

2013/14 – 1
2014/15 – 0
2015/16 – 1
2016-17 – 0
2017/18 – 0
2018/19 – 1
2019/20 – 0
2020/21 – 0

Please confirm the amount of money paid out in compensation to members of the public who have been bitten by a police dog in the following periods: 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2019-20, 2020-21.

Year	Compensation
2013/14	£5500.00
2014/15	£0
2015/16	£0
2016/17	£0
2017/18	£27000.00
2019/20	£0
2020/21	£0

Leicestershire Police provides you the right to ask for a re-examination of your request under its review procedure. Letters should be addressed to Information Manager, Corporate Services Department at the above address. If you decide to request such a review and having followed the Force's full process you are still dissatisfied, then you have the right to direct your comments to the Information Commissioner who will give it consideration.

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