



Our Ref: 003194/20

Your Ref:

Address Correspondence to: Information Management

Date 26 October 2020

Freedom of Information Act 2000

I write further to your request for information received 24/09/2020.

I note you seek access to the following information:

I would be grateful if you could please provide me with the following information about "police dog bite" incidents recorded by your force, for each of the following years:

(a) April 1st 2017-March 31st 2018

(b) April 1st 2018-March 31st 2019

(c) April 1st 2019-March 31st 2020

In each of the years listed above:

Q1 How many suspects were bitten by police dogs?

Q2 How many of those [bitten] suspects received compensation (damages, or out-of-court settlements)?

Q3 Please provide a breakdown of each payment (and whether liability was accepted)

Q4 If you are unable to answer Q3, then please state the total amount of payments to suspects for police dog bites

Q5 How many police officers were bitten by police dogs?

Q6 How many members of the public (other than suspects) were bitten by police dogs?

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: -

Leicestershire Dog Section

Dates	Suspect	Police Officer	Public
1/4/17-31/3/18	7	0	0
1/4/18-31/3/19	11	2	0
1/4/19-31/3/20	9	1	0

Please note not every bite translates into a claim and, in the three periods covered by the request, Leicestershire Police have not received claims from any suspects.

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.

Yours sincerely
Freedom of Information Officer
Leicestershire Police

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