



Response Date: 18/09/2024

2024/815 - Police Dogs

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

1. How many serving police dogs do you currently have?

12

2. How many police dog handlers do you currently have?

8

3. How many police dog trainers do you currently have?

1

4. Please confirm the gender split of female and male police dog handlers?

5 females / 4 males

5. Please confirm number of police dogs in your force which have died or been euthanised while still enrolled as a police dog (please include cause of death for each dog) from January 2020 until present.

1

6. How many police dogs have retired from the force since January 2020 until present day? Please include reason for retirement.

2 due to age.

7. How many police dogs have been euthanised as they're deemed unsuitable for retirement since January 2020 until present day?

0

8. How many police dogs have failed their initial training course, and subsequently been re-homed or euthanised since January 2020 until present day?

0

9. What is the yearly expenditure for all police dogs?

Please find below costs that were paid by North Wales Police in relation to the Dog Section:

	2020	2021	2022	2023
4904 - Police Dogs-Dog Food	£3,759.71	£5,666.67	£5,927.76	£8,474.15
4905 - Police Dogs-Kenneling	£4,654.99	£11,831.16	£2,372.00	£911.50
4906 - Police Dogs-Vets	£8,604.08	£6,814.89	£7,218.66	£6,689.47
4907 - Police Dogs-Handlers Equip	£26,714.49	£20,999.36	£23,035.48	£8,504.77

Please note: Cheshire are the lead for Finance in relation to Alliance Dog costs so where possible they like costs to go through Cheshire.

10. Do your police dog handlers undertake canine first aid training? If so, how often are they provided a refresher course?

Yes

11. Are your police dogs supplied with personal protective equipment? If so, please state the equipment provided, brand of the equipment and confirm if it's personal issue to each serving police dog?

All dogs are issued with body armour/protective harness that is personal issue for each dog. Brand varies dependent on availability and delivery periods.

12. Are your police dogs provided with a direct financial assistance in their retirement from your police force or police crime commissioner?

Those with ongoing medical conditions may be approved for medication costs. Support is available from our Police Dog charity Paws off Duty.

13. How many suspects have been arrested by your force under 'Finn's Law' aka The Animal Welfare (Service Animals) for causing unnecessary suffering to a service animal since 8th June 2019 until present day?

14. How many suspects have been charged by your force under 'Finn's Law' aka The Animal Welfare (Service Animals) for causing unnecessary suffering to a service animal since 8th June 2019 until present day?

15. How many suspects have been convicted by your force under 'Finn's Law' aka The Animal Welfare (Service Animals) for causing unnecessary suffering to a service animal since 8th June 2019 until present day?

North Wales Police does not hold any information in relation to this part of your request.

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