



Response Date: 26/02/2025

2025/154 - Dogs

In response to your recent request for information excess cost is relevant to part which removes the forces obligations under the Freedom of Information Act, as a gesture of goodwill, I have supplied information, relative to your request, retrieved or available before it was realised that the fees limit would be exceeded. I trust this is helpful, but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fees regulations for the remainder of your request.

1. Since 31st December 2023, how many incidents have you attended, that has involved dogs of a banned breed type?

Our information is set up and searchable for our policing purposes. To obtain the information in the format you have requested would involve manually reviewing each record on our force system to establish if a dog breed is recorded and if it was a banned breed. The cost of providing you with the information is above the amount to which we are legally required to respond i.e. the cost of retrieving the information exceeds the 'appropriate level' as stated in the Freedom of Information (FOI) Fees and Appropriate Limit regulations 2004.

Therefore, in accordance with the FOI Act 2000 the information you have requested is exempt under Section 12 (1), and this letter acts as a Refusal Notice under section 17 (5) of the legislation.

2. Since 31st December 2023, how many dogs have you seized for being a suspected banned breed type?

47

3. How many banned breed types, have died whilst being held in police approved kennels, since December 31st 2023?

1

4. How many banned breed types, have been destroyed at the scene of an incident by your firearms officers since December 31st 2023?

North Wales Police do not record this information.

5. The cost of policing dangerous dog incidents, has said to have risen since 31st December 2023. The interim exemption scheme is available to all forces, would this be something you would consider implementing to reduce those associated costs?

The interim exemption Scheme is something that we already employ if the circumstances warrant it.

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 24/02/2025