



HEDDLU
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NORTH WALES
POLICE

Response Date: 18/05/2026

2026/461 - Dangerously out of control 'dog'

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.

Please provide the following information:

1. The number of incidents recorded by your force where a dog was deemed "dangerously out of control" (e.g. Home Office code 008/21 or equivalent), and which resulted in:

a) Injury to a person; and/or

b) Death of a person

Calendar Year	Total Offences
2021	349
2022	461
2023	511
2024	531
2025	515

Victim Injury (Stats Class Field)	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
None	47	45	35	52	48
Not Recorded	36	62	45	61	95
Serious	16	40	52	35	23
Slight	250	314	379	383	349
Total	349	461	511	531	515

Fatal Occurrences	2022
Fatal	1

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2. Of the incidents identified in Question 1, please provide the number of cases where:

a) The dog was not destroyed / euthanised following the incident;

b) The dog remained with the owner, was re-homed, or otherwise not put down (if held).

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. 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.

3. Of the incidents identified in Question 1, please provide (where recorded):

a) The number of victims who were children (under 18);

b) The number of victims who were adults (18 and over).

Victim Age Group	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
18 and Over	241	313	334	342	323
No DOB/Victim ID Recorded	38	45	67	47	57
Under 18	70	103	110	142	135
Sum:	349	461	511	531	515

4. Where recorded and available within cost limits, please provide a breakdown of the outcomes for the dogs involved in these incidents (e.g. destroyed, seized and retained, returned to owner, rehomed, or other outcome).

5. Please provide the data, broken down by year, for the most recent 5 calendar years available (or financial years if more appropriate).

Please see the answer to question 2

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 13/05/2026