



**STAFFORDSHIRE
POLICE**

FOI ref no: 14476

29th June 2022

**Freedom of Information request: reference 14476 first notified to us by email on 21st June 2022.
Thank you for your recent request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, as detailed below:**

I wish to find out how many times armed officers have been dispatched to respond to reports of dangerous dogs over the last five years.

Please provide a number for each of the years below.

2018

2019

2020

2021

2022 - to date

If possible, please state a brief summary of the incident and what happened to the dog.

If possible, please state what breed of dog/s was involved.

If possible, please state the amount of money spent sending armed response teams to the incidents involving dangerous dogs.

**Staffordshire Police's response to your enquiry is as follows:
Staffordshire Police does hold some of the requested information.**

I wish to find out how many times armed officers have been dispatched to respond to reports of dangerous dogs over the last five years.

Please provide a number for each of the years below.

2018

One.

2019

One.

2020

One.

2021

One.

2022 - to date

Nil.(up to 21st June 2022).

If possible, please state a brief summary of the incident and what happened to the dog.

If possible, please state what breed of dog/s was involved.

Incident 1: Report of a dangerous dog, Armed Response Vehicle (ARV) deployed, dog destroyed by a vet.

Incident 2: Aggressive suspect threatened officers with a Pitbull type dog, ARV deployed. Suspect detained without further incident.

Incident 3: Report of a dangerous dog attacking its owner, ARV deployed as a contingency.

Incident 4: Report of a dangerous dog having bitten a member of the public. Animal secured prior to arrival of ARV.

If possible, please state the amount of money spent sending armed response teams to the incidents involving dangerous dogs.

No information held.

Please note that these figures have been provided to the best of our ability, subject to the limitations of current recording protocols and systems/software.

Every effort is made to ensure that the figures presented are accurate and complete. However, it is important to note that data is extracted from multiple sources, developed for specific policing purposes, for which data extraction methods have not been specifically designed to directly correlate with the terminology of this request. Therefore the data presented is subject to the inaccuracies and idiosyncrasies inherent in any large scale recording system.

As a consequence, care should be taken in the interpretation and presentation of this data, so as to not misrepresent the whole or any part of the data disclosed.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of this email and should be addressed to:

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Or by Post to:

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Staffordshire Police HQ
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