

Request reference: 4710_14

1. The number of bites recorded as 'accidental bites' on members of the public from 2009 to 2013.

From 2009 to 2013 there have been a total of 18 recorded accidental bites for those who are not members of West Midlands Police. Please see below for annual figures.

2009: 9
2010: 1
2011: 5
2012: 2
2013: 2

2. A total figure for compensation paid for each year for accidental bites on members of the public.

The compensation has been recorded by date of the bite not the year in which the compensation was paid.

2009: £6600.80
2010: £ 0.00
2011: £4300.00
2012: £2000.00
2013: £ 500.00

3. We may be able to provide details about each incident from 2011 – 2013.

4. Please include how much compensation was paid out to each victim. We can locate and retrieve this information within cost but please note that it is likely that exemptions will apply.

5. We may be able to provide some information regarding the circumstances of the attack.

b) And include the circumstances of the attack. Please include as much of the below as possible.

- date
- location
- age of bite victim
- sex of bite victim
- position of bite
- circumstances

In order to help protect the identity of the claimants, the information below has been summarised and categorised by the headers.

Date

| Date | Number of incidents |
|----------------|----------------------------|
| February 2011 | 1 |
| July 2011 | 1 |
| August 2011 | 1 |
| September 2011 | 2 |
| January 2012 | 1 |
| February 2012 | 1 |
| May 2013 | 1 |
| June 2013 | 1 |

Location of Incident

| Location of Incident | Number |
|-----------------------------|---------------|
| Coventry | 1 |
| Birmingham | 2 |
| Brownhills | 1 |
| Oldbury | 2 |
| Walsall | 1 |
| West Brom | 1 |
| Wolverhampton | 1 |

Age Range of Victims

| Age Range | Number |
|-----------|--------|
| 10 - 17 | 1 |
| 25 - 34 | 3 |
| 35 - 44 | 4 |
| Unknown | 1 |

Sex of bite victim

| Sex | Number |
|--------|--------|
| Male | 6 |
| Female | 3 |

Compensation paid to each victim

| Year | Compensation |
|------|--------------|
| 2011 | £4,300 |
| 2012 | £2,000 |
| 2013 | £500 |

Position of Injury

| Position of Bites |
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| No injury |
| 3 scratch's to stomach |
| Scratch to hand and knee |
| Puncture / Laceration to right thigh / calf |
| Scratch to thigh, nick on thumb |
| Puncture to left thigh |
| Bruise to left thigh |
| Laceration to thumb |
| Graze to left calf |

Circumstances leading to attack

| Summary of Circumstances |
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| Dog tracking suspect following thefts, entered outbuilding and claimant screamed, dog engaged |
| Dog chasing suspects of stabbing, claimant appeared in front of dog, screamed and jumped, dog engaged. |
| Dog tracked scent to IP who was told to stand still and did not, therefore dog engaged. |
| Walked past Police dog who was being exercised, screamed and jumped, dog then engaged. |
| Dog tracked scent and saw a moving person |
| Following major surgery to the Police dog, Claimant tried to remove dogs check chain, whilst the dog was caged |
| Large scale disorder, claimant walked in front of handler into dog |
| Dog tracking following robbery, Claimant appeared in front of dog |
| Large disorder, Dog slipped lead. |