

I would be grateful if you could please provide me with the following information about "police dog bite" incidents recorded by your force, for each of the following years:

(a) April 1st 2017-March 31st 2018

(b) April 1st 2018-March 31st 2019

(c) April 1st 2019-March 31st 2020

In each of the years listed above:

Q1 How many suspects were bitten by police dogs?

Please be advised that this information relates to individuals that have been pursued/detained as the figures have been extracted from our Use of Force data. Therefore, it won't capture bystanders or those not being detained/pursued by our officers.

a) To determine this information would exceed the cost limit. Please see covering letter for further details.

b) 111

c) 91

Q2 How many of those [bitten] suspects received compensation (damages, or out-of-court settlements)?

Our Legal department do not record this by suspect as it is not a central recording category within our systems, therefore we would need to cross reference this with the data provided in question 1 to enable us to provide this.

However, in order to assist we can advise that 0 claims were made by the public.

Q3 Please provide a breakdown of each payment (and whether liability was accepted)

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Q4 If you are unable to answer Q3, then please state the total amount of payments to suspects for police dog bites

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However, in order to assist we can advise that 0 claims were made by the public.

Q5 How many police officers were bitten by police dogs?

- a) 4 officers
- b) 1 officer
- c) 5 officers (plus 1 officer from another force)

Q6 How many members of the public (other than suspects) were bitten by police dogs?

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