

REQUEST

1) Does West Midlands Police use the Interim Exemption Scheme (The Dangerous Dogs Exemption Schemes (England and Wales) Order 2015) for dogs assessed by a Dog Legislation Officer as a banned breed?

Yes

2) If West Midlands Police does not use the Interim Exemption Scheme why not?

N/A

3) Who in West Midlands Police makes the decision whether a person is charged with an offence contrary to S1 Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 or the alternative civil proceedings under S4B of the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 are used?

It depends on the circumstances, most are referred to CPS. The Inspector within the unit can also make charging decisions depending on the nature of the offence and level of injury. The DLO's are instrumental in supporting the decision making process.

4) Does West Midlands Police have a written policy regarding use of the Interim Exemption Scheme and S4B Dangerous Dogs Act 1991?

Yes, this is supported by the DLO's.

Q5 - please supply a copy of the above policy

The process we follow is detailed within the Dangerous Dog policy which is already published here

<https://foi.west-midlands.police.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/Dangerous-Dogs.pdf>