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**REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2018/01484**

I write in connection with your request for information received on 17th March. I note you seek access to the following information:

**In accordance with the freedom of information act please could you provide me with the following information:**

- 1. How many dogs were detained by the force and subsequently housed in police approved kennels?**
- 2. What was the cost of this to the force?**
- 3. How many days were the dogs housed in approved kennels? (so the average duration and cost of kennelling can be calculated)**
- 4. What was the reason for the detention if known...(ie suspected hare coursers/ unsafe animal/ potential evidence in a prosecution)**
- 5. Outcome ie (animal returned to owner, returned to owner with conditions, destroyed, rehomed)**
- 6. Has the force implemented the Interim Exemption Scheme? If yes how many times?**
- 7. Does the force operate animal detentions in accordance with the RSPCAs Good practise Guidelines?**

**For questions 1-5 Please could you provide the data for the following time periods:**

**2017-to date**

**2016**

**2015**

**2014**

**2013**

I am required by the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (The Act) to handle all requests in a manner that is blind to the identity of the requestor. Any information released in response to a request is regarded as being published and therefore, in the public domain without caveat.

Following enquiries within the Constabulary please see our response below.

**Response** – Please see the Excel spreadsheet attached to your email.

**Attachment** – FOI2018 01484 Annexe A

The numerical data presented in this response is an un-audited snapshot of un-published data sourced from "live" systems and is subject to the interpretation of the original request by the individual extracting the data.

Should you have any further enquiries concerning this matter please do not hesitate to contact me quoting the above reference number.

Yours sincerely

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