



James Hodson
Information Rights
Bedfordshire Police Headquarters,
Woburn Road, Kempston,
Bedford, MK43 9AX

Telephone: 01234 842547
Email: foi@herts.pnn.police.uk

22nd February 2018

Our Ref: FOI2018/00438

REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2018/00438

I write in connection with your request for information received on 25th January. I note you seek access to the following information:

I am seeking information on dogs attacking livestock, namely sheep.

Please can you provide the following information from your police statistics:

- 1. How many incidents of sheep worrying/attacks on sheep by dogs have been reported to your police force during 2015, 2016 and 2017?**
- 2. How many sheep have been injured as a result of these attacks?**
- 3. How many sheep have been killed as a result of these attacks?**
- 4. How many people have been prosecuted for these crimes?**

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 below table detailing the information you have requested.

Year	Number of Incidents	Number of sheep injured where recorded	Number of sheep killed where recorded
2015	14	11	8
2016	10	5	1
2017	6	5	2

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

James Hodson
Information Rights

Hertfordshire Constabulary provides you the right to request an independent review of this response under its review procedure. If you require such a review you must notify us within two months from the date of this letter. After lodging a complaint with Hertfordshire Constabulary if you are still dissatisfied with the decision you may make an application to the Information Commissioner. For information on how to make a complaint please visit their website at <https://ico.org.uk/concerns/> or contact them on 0303 123 1113.