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**REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2018/05913**

I write in connection with your request for information received on 16th October. I note you seek access to the following information:

**I am sending this request under the Freedom of Information Act to ask for the following information:**

**1. Please disclose the number of attacks by police dogs on innocent bystanders in each of the following financial years:**

- 2013/14
- 2014/15
- 2015/16
- 2016/17
- 2017/18

**For each year attack please disclose the age of the victim and gender.**

**2. Please disclose the total amount paid in compensation to victims of attacks by police dogs despite being innocent bystanders in each of the following financial years.**

- 2013/14
- 2014/15
- 2015/16
- 2016/17
- 2017/18

**In each year please state the greatest amount paid to any victim and a brief description of the injuries they suffered.**

**3. Please disclose the number of police dogs that were destroyed in each of the following financial years and the reason why.**

- 2013/14
- 2014/15
- 2015/16
- 2016/17
- 2017/18

**\*by innocent bystander I mean someone who was not the intended target of the police operation.**

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** – Searches have been conducted at Hertfordshire Constabulary for information relating to attacks by police dogs on innocent bystanders or any police dogs destroyed within the time period. These searches failed to locate any records / documents relevant to your request. Accordingly I have determined that Hertfordshire Constabulary do not hold the information you have requested.

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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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.