

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO 2025-26-089

Your request has now been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act) and we provide our response below.

You asked:

Please provide the following information for the period 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2025, or the most recent period available.

If providing this information for the full period would exceed the cost limit, please provide the most recent 3-year period instead.

1. Expenditure

- a) The total annual expenditure relating to dogs seized under the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991, including:
 - kennelling costs
 - veterinary costs
 - transportation
 - and any associated care costs
- b) Any available breakdown of these costs by category

2. Kennelling Contracts and Provision

- a) Details of any contracts, agreements, or commissioned services for the kennelling of dogs seized under the Dangerous Dogs Act
- b) The names of providers (where disclosable) and the nature of services provided
- c) Any information held regarding capacity, demand, or pressure on kennelling provision

3. Policy, Oversight, and Strategy

- a) Copies of any Police and Crime Plan sections, policy documents, or strategy papers relating to dangerous dogs or dog-related incidents
- b) Copies of any internal briefings, reports, or reviews relating to:
 - enforcement of the Dangerous Dogs Act
 - costs associated with seized dogs
 - welfare or kennelling concerns
 - or operational pressures

4. Scrutiny and Governance

- a) Copies of any meeting minutes, reports, or correspondence where dangerous dogs' legislation, seized dogs, or associated costs have been discussed
- b) Any correspondence between the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner and the police force relating to:
 - costs
 - policy concerns
 - or enforcement practices under the Dangerous Dogs Act

5. Clarification

If any of the requested information is not held in the format requested, please provide the closest available data and explain any limitations.

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Advice and assistance (FOIA section 16)

As the information you have requested may be held by Dorset Police, we would suggest that you submit your request to Dorset Police's Freedom of Information Department via [Request information about the police | Dorset Police](#).