



My Ref: FOI 6579
Enquiries to: Information Requests
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Dear Requester,

Re: Request for Information – Freedom of Information Act 2000

I wish to confirm that the council has completed its search for the information which you requested.

The information requested and our findings are as follows: -

Dog Warden

Service Does the local authority employ a dog warden or outsource the role? If the role is outsourced, who is responsible?

Employed Directly.

What has been the local authority's annual spend on the dog warden service for the last three years? Either for inhouse or outsourcing the role. 2023 2024 2025

2023/24	80,685.81
2024/25	88,131.61
2025/26	92,643.21

Dog bites on authority workers

Does the local authority have a documented standard operating procedure or policy regarding dog safety for workers visiting private property in the course of their employment? Please include both workers employed directly by the local authority and workers contracted to work on the authority's behalf, for eg including, but not limited to, refuse collectors, social workers, housing officers etc How many instances of dog bites were reported to RIDDOR

(<https://www.hse.gov.uk/riddor/>) in the last three years by the local authority? Please indicate whether your available data separates workers from members of the public. If it does, please supply the two figures separately. 2023 2024 2025 I understand that certain details might need to be redacted to ensure compliance with data protection laws and maintain confidentiality. However, please provide as much information as possible within the bounds of the law.

Dog safety is considered for employees visiting private properties are included within the service risk assessments.

- There has been zero instances of dog bites to employees reported under RIDDOR to the HSE within the last three years (2023, 2024, 2025),
- There has been zero instances of dog bites to members of the public reported under RIDDOR to the HSE within the last three years (2023, 2024, 2025).

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Barnsley
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Customer Services Team
Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
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Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Email: <http://www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints>

Kind regards,

Information Requests Team, Barnsley MBC

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