

17 February 2021

Dear

**ATISN 14862**

### **Information requested**

Thank you for your request which I received on 11 February 2021. You asked for:

- Details of all reported thefts of dogs, by force areas in Wales. Specifically:
  1. Number of thefts by force area.
  2. Number taken from Houses/farms.
  3. Number taken from Street.
  4. Number where violence was threatened.
  5. Number where assault took place.
  6. Number of arrests made/prosecuted.
  7. Number if dogs found a. Alive, b. Killed.
  8. Where multiple dogs were recovered the numbers in each case and location.
  9. The number of times vets were in attendance.
  10. The estimated total value of dogs by force area.
  11. Force response and government response in reprioritisation of this crime due to its emotional impact on the victim.

### **Our response**

I am writing to inform you that the information you have requested is not held by the Welsh Government. However, I believe the Welsh police forces hold some if not all the information which you are seeking. You may ask them for the information you require using the links below or I can transfer your request to them. Please inform me in writing if you would like me to transfer your request.

South Wales Police

<https://www.south-wales.police.uk/en/your-right-to-information/freedom-of-information-foi-requests/>

Dyfed Powys Police

<https://www.dyfed-powys.police.uk/en/accessing-information/how-to-access-information/freedom-of-information-act/>

Gwent Police

<https://www.gwent.police.uk/en/about-us/your-right-to-information/freedom-of-information/foi-requests/>

North Wales Police

<https://www.north-wales.police.uk/accessing-information-1/freedom-of-information/making-an-foi-request>

### **Next steps**

If you are dissatisfied with the Welsh Government's handling of your request, you can ask for an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this response. Requests for an internal review should be addressed to the Welsh Government's Freedom of Information Officer at:

Information Rights Unit,  
Welsh Government,  
Cathays Park,  
Cardiff,  
CF10 3NQ  
or Email: [Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales](mailto:Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales)

Please remember to quote the ATISN reference number above.

You have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office,  
Wycliffe House,  
Water Lane,  
Wilmslow,  
Cheshire,  
SK9 5AF

However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely