

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

**REQUEST NUMBER: 7 - 2026**

### REQUEST DETAILS:

*I am submitting a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding oversight, expenditure, and policy relating to the enforcement of the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 within your police area.*

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

#### 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*

## RESPONSE

1. The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Suffolk (OPCC) does not hold any information on expenditure relating to dogs seized under the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 in relation to the categories included within this request.

You may wish to contact the Suffolk Constabulary FOI team directly who may be able to assist further.

2. The OPCC for Suffolk does not commission any services or hold any information on contracts or agreements relating to the kennelling of dogs seized under the Dangerous Dogs act.

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3. Details of the Suffolk OPCC Police and Crime Plan is available via the following link: [Police and Crime Plan - Suffolk PCC](#). Dangerous dogs and dog-related incidents are not referenced within the Police and Crime Plan.

4. The subject of dog kennelling has been included within the 'Rural and Wildlife Policing' reports submitted to the Accountability and Performance Panel. These reports are presented annually with the last report being submitted to the panel in March 2025. The next 'Rural, Wildlife and Heritage Crime' report will be presented to the OPCC in May 2026.

All reports and minutes relating to the Accountability and Performance Panel are publicly available via the following link: [Accountability and Performance Panel](#).

Dog kennelling was also discussed at the Norfolk and Suffolk Criminal Justice Board on the 18<sup>th</sup> of March where it was agreed that the Constabularies would share information and discuss with the CPS and Court Service how listing could be used to reduce the cost burden on the constabularies. The Chair also stated that they would consider writing to the government to highlight the financial impact of the current situation. Minutes are currently being produced.