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**commissioner**

Date: 14/04/2026

Dear FOI Applicant,

Thank you for your freedom of information request received in this office on **24 March** 2026 in which 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'

In response to your request, I can confirm that we hold the following information for the most recent period available:

### **1. Expenditure**

Kennelling Costs

- 2025/26 - £983K

### **Veterinary Cost**

- 2025/26 - £266k

### **Transportation**

- We do not hold this information

### **Any associated care costs**

- We do not hold this information

### **Any available breakdown of these costs by category**

- The total budget for supplies and services, including kennelling and veterinary costs, is £1.268m. However, we are forecast to exceed this figure, and it is expected to be £1.285m for 2025/26.

### **2. a)b)c) Kennelleing Contracts and Provision**

- This information is confidential and is exempt under Section 43 Commercial Interests. In order to apply this exemption I am required to conduct a Public Interest Test. This is attached, titled – ‘*FOI-32-Dangerous Dogs-Attachment 1 (2026-00362)*’.

### **3. Policy, Oversight and Strategy**

Copies of any Police and Crime Plan sections, policy documents, or strategy papers relating to dangerous dogs or dog-related incidents

- We do not hold this information

**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**

- We do not hold this information

### **4. Scruting and Governance**

**Copies of any meeting minutes, reports, or correspondence where dangerous dogs legislation, seized dogs, or associated costs have been discussed.**

- The following sentence was noted in a meeting between the Police and Crime Commissioner and Acting Chief Constable – ‘*Costs continue to increase, due to amount of dogs kennelled*’.

**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.**

- We do not hold this information.

We publish all [PCC decisions](#) on our website, including the Kennelling of Dangerous Seized Dogs. However, please be aware that this is a confidential document that is not available to the public.

### **Freedom of Information Right of Appeal**

Any person who has requested information from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) and is unhappy with the way their request for information has been handled can request a review of their case.

A request for review must be made in writing by letter or email. You should include the reference number of your request if you have it, and outline why you are requesting the review to:

Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner  
Lloyd House  
Birmingham  
B4 6NQ

Telephone: 0121 626 6060  
Email: [wmpcc@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk](mailto:wmpcc@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk)

All requests for review will be recorded. Receipt of a request for internal review will be acknowledged and the appellant informed of an estimated date for determining the outcome. The OPCC will attempt to respond to internal reviews as soon as practicable and in any case within two months.

All investigations will be undertaken by someone not involved in the original response.

The result of any internal review will be communicated to the appellant outlining the decisions taken.

If you remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request or complaint, you have a right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at:

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

Telephone: 08456 30 60 60 or 01625 54 57 45  
Website: [www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk)

There is no charge for making a request for internal review or appeal to the Information Commissioner.

Yours sincerely,



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Deputy Chief Executive