

Date: Mon 30 October 2017 **Reference Number:** 20171820 **FOI Category:** Miscellaneous

Title: Police Dogs

Request Date: Wednesday, 11 October, 2017

Response Date: Monday, 30 October, 2017

Request Details:

1) Please state the number of police dogs in the service of your police force at the end of each of the following financial years:

i) 2012/13

ii) 2013/14

iii) 2014/15

iv) 2015/16

v) 2016/17

vi) 2017/18 (providing the figure at 01/10/17)

2) Please state the total spent by your force on your police dog department for each of the following financial years:

i) 2012/13

ii) 2013/14

iii) 2014/15

iv) 2015/16

v) 2016/17

vi) 2017/18 (providing the figure to 01/10/17)

Clarification:

Please include dog training costs.

3) Please state the number of occasions that police dog units were deployed in each of the following financial years:

i) 2012/13

ii) 2013/14

iii) 2014/15

iv) 2015/16

v) 2016/17

vi) 2017/18 (providing the figure to 01/10/17)

Exemptions Applied:

None

SYP Response:

The information you seek is not held in a single searchable database, therefore I sought the assistance of three different departments:

Question 1

I approached our Police Dog Training Manager, who provided me with the following:

South Yorkshire Police. 2009 / 10. There were 76 dogs. 40 Police officer handlers.

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South Yorkshire Police. 2013 / 14. There were 76 dogs. 40 Police officer handlers.

South Yorkshire Police. 2014 / 15. There were 41 dogs. 24 Police officer handlers.

South Yorkshire Police. 2015 /16. There were 51 dogs. 28 Police officer handlers.

Amalgamation Humberside and South Yorkshire Police. 1st April 2016.

2016/17. There were 51 dogs split between both forces. Dogs retired as a result of amalgamation and age = 18.

2017/18. There are 53 dogs split between the two forces. Dogs retired as a result of age = 1.

Amalgamation Humberside and South Yorkshire ended 1.9.2017

South Yorkshire Police. 2017 /18. There are 30 dogs. 15 handlers.

Question 2

The Finance Officer within our Joint Specialist Operations Unit has provided me with the following:

TOTAL spend for Dogs and Dog Training

2012-2013	£ 2,923,082.41
2013-2014	£ 2,823,045.12
2014-2015	£ 2,133,826.74
2015-2016	£ 1,746,835.91
2016-2017	£ 1,407,772.60
to 30 Sept 2017	£ 669,931.98

Please note that between the 1 April 2016 and 31 August 2017 SYP was in collaboration with Humberside and previous costs borne by SYP and some of the costs would have been shared by Humberside.

Question 3

I then approached our Incident Management System Administrator for records where there has been deployment. He has advised me of the following:

2012-13 = 18,493

2013-14 = 19,976

2014-15 = 16,330

2015-16 = 12,558

2016-17 = 9,420

2017-18 = 4,222(as at 01.10.2017)

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