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### Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 Request

I refer to you e-mail of 13 January 2020 requesting the following information:

- An annual breakdown of the number of dog attack complaints laid with the council between 2009 – 2019
- The number of complaints that end in successful prosecution and the details of those sentences i.e. jail time, amounts fined and dogs put down.

Please accept my apologies for the delay in responding to your request.

In relation to the number of dog attacks please refer to the table below:

Attack	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Other	149	191	162	165	175	174	200	137	176	166	104
Person	75	97	90	83	69	68	83	98	59	52	41

Note: 2019 is for the period 1/7/2019 – 25/2/2020

I can advise that in the period 2014 – 2019 there were 6 prosecutions. Of those 5 owners were fined and one was required to pay reparation. Please note that not all dog attacks are prosecuted. Each case is considered on its merits and staff base the course of action accordingly.

Prior to this period, out-of-house solicitors represented the Council in relation to prosecutions. There were five prosecutions between 2011 and 2014, but as these records are held off site we are not able to provide any further details. If you require us to retrieve the files there may be a charge for this. We have been unable to locate any records prior to 2011.

Yours faithfully



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