



# SUFFOLK CONSTABULARY

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

**REQUEST NUMBER:** FOI Request 000102-17

**REQUEST DETAILS:**

*"Please can you tell me how many cases of sheep worrying/attacks on sheep and killings of sheep caused by dogs happened in your area in the calendar year 2016.*

*The figure can include all the different incidents together or separately.*

*Please can you also tell me how many dogs were shot as a result of the above – again for the calendar year 2016."*

**RESPONSE:**

Suffolk Constabulary has considered your request for information and our response is below.

*This response is correct as of 4 January 2017*

A search has been completed of the Constabulary crime data for all offences recorded of 'Person in charge of a dog worrying livestock'.

The Constabulary located a total of 12 cases during 2016, none of which resulted in a dog being shot.

***Police forces in the United Kingdom are routinely required to provide crime statistics to government bodies and the recording criteria is set nationally. However, the systems used for recording these figures are not generic, nor are the procedures used locally in capturing the crime data. It should be noted that for these reasons this force's response to your questions should not be used for comparison purposes with any other response you may receive.***

***Please be aware that the information provided/researched from the 19 October 2015 has been extracted from the Athena crime system. The information provided is subject to change as processes are amended to ensure accurate and precise crime recording.***