



## COMPLAINTS AND INFORMATION GOVERNANCE TEAM

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Dear Mr Gray

### Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Information Request

Your request for information, received on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2019, has now been considered. Below is an outline of your request with our responses added alongside.

***We would respectfully ask for details (numbers and locations) on all anti-social behaviour re dogs reported to Darlington Borough Council within the period covered by the existing Dog Control Orders or 3 years.***

Please refer to attached Excel spreadsheet which shows the number of reports received regarding anti-social behaviour in relation to dogs. With regard to the locations of reports, Darlington Borough Council holds no recorded information falling within the scope of your request.

***If practicable and readily available, we would also request what action has been taken by Darlington Borough Council in respect of the above.***

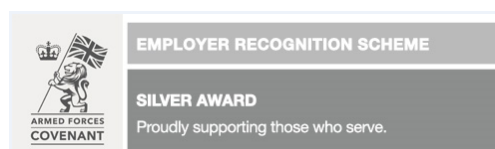
Six Community Protection Notices have been issued to individuals in the last three years with regard to anti-social behaviour relating to dogs.

16 Fixed Penalty Notices have been issued with regard to dog fouling in the last three years.

***A cabinet member stated at the meeting that a number of incidents involving multiples of dogs had been reported to Councillors – is this information recorded, and if so how many incidents have been recorded within the last 3 years, and if so are all such incidents included within the information re anti-social behaviour re dogs as requested above.***

Darlington Borough Council holds no recorded information falling within the scope of your request. Reports to Councillors are not specifically recorded nor was it possible to identify which of the attached reports originated from a Councillor.

***What research (including multi-agency interaction) has been conducted by Darlington Borough Council prior to the proposal on Public Space Protection Orders being proposed at cabinet.***



Darlington Borough Council found in a search of available media that three dog related attacks occurred within the period. All three were significant incidents.

Darlington Borough Council contacted and viewed other authorities' policies, experiences and remedies and considered guidance from available National Information including independent bodies such as The Kennel Club and DEFRA.

The consultation element of the process includes giving officers, partners, businesses and the general public opportunity to submit information, challenge, give experiences and opinions which would provide the cabinet with insight to provide informed decision making. This runs until 1<sup>st</sup> February 2020.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request or would like to request an internal review of our response, please write to:

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Yours sincerely



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